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Two Egyptian foreign ministers quit over Sadat visit to Israel

Mr Ismail Fahmi, the Egyptian Foreign Minister, and Mr Muhammad Riad, his deputy, resigned vesterday as Arab protests mounted over President Sadat's decision to visit Israel. In a letter to the President. Mr Fahmi said that he

could not carry on his duties because of new circumstances". Meanwhile Mr Sadat announced that he would fly to Israel tomorrow and Mr Begin, the Israeli Prime Minister, postponed a visit to

horoughly.

ent situation."

Assad told reporters at the air-port after seeing Mr Sadat off that he felt "profound sadness,

especially that we are differing

on a decisive issue", and said that Syria would now have to

reconsider its policy very

Our Cairo Correspondent writes: The official Middle

East News Agency reported that in a letter to President Sadar Mr Fabmi said he could not carry on his duties "because of

circumstances in the pres-

The agency also reported Mr

Riad's resignation. It said that he had earlier been asked by

Mr Sadat to take over from Mr Fahmi. Mr Boutros Ghali, a Minister of State in the Cabi-

net, is to be acting Foreign

Minister.

The invitation to visit Israel,

coupled with a letter from President Carter, was handed by the United States Ambassa-

expected that he would be here some time next week after Mr Begin's London visit.

A spokesman at Mr Begin's office said Mr Sadat will on Sunday call at the El Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, the third holiest shrine in Islam. After that he will go on to fuifil his wish to address a full session of the Knesset (Parliament), putting the Arab case on securing peace in the Middle East.—Revuer.

Our Diplomatic Correspondent

writes: Mr Begin was in touch with Mr Callaghan by relephone

last night and the two men agreed to postpone his visit. He will now come when a new

Historic journey starts tomorrow

Front Edward Mortimer Daniscrus, Nov 17 President Sadat announced might that be will fly to insight that he will fly to issight that he will fly to issight on Saturday evening for two-day visit, despite the milit disapproval of President Assad of Syria, with whom he has been holding discussions here; and the resignations of Mr. Sanal Fahmi, the Egyptian Press; Minister, and his deputy. Mr Muhammad Riad.

The Egyptian leader had said the press conference before leading Damascus this morning leading Damascus this morning person who knew about his plan to visit Israel before he anmeed it in the Egyptian Parlament last week.

However, Mr Fahmi and his saff were conspicuously absent from the presidential delega-non which flew into Damascus rescerday, although hotel rooms had been booked for them and according to one report. Mr Fahmi's baggage arrived on the presidential aircraft.

Shortly after Mr Sadar left amascus a bomb exploded ear the Egyptian Embassy

Mr Fahmi was appointed Foreign Minister immediately after the Middle East war in after the Middle East war in october, 1973, and for a long time was strongly identified with President Sadat's proAmerican foreign policy. But it is more than policy. But it is more than been the two.

Recently Mr Fahms has appeared to adopt a firmer line than the President in the proidentification of the President in the prolimitation of the proplatout a reconvening of the

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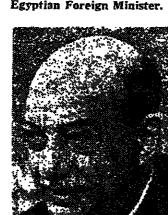
labour a reconvening of the
Geneva peace conference
late weekend, during the Arab
late ministers' conference in
Talks, he had the difficult task
of defending Mr Sadas's highly
individual policy in a pan-Arab

He apparently told his col-largues that Mr Sadat would Mr Assad and Mr Sadat was tertainly not go to Israel unless israel first accepted the prin-President at his press confersale 1883 accepted the prin-ciple of total withdrawal from the occupied territories. If that is correct, it was no doubt the realization that the Presi-

From Hedrick Smith

countries and sees no possibility

of re-establishing full diploma-



Resigned: Mr Ismail Fahmi,

Resigned: Mr Muhammad Riad, acting Foreign Minister

dent seriously mean to go with out any preconditions that led him to resign.

ence this morning. But whereas is no indication of when this he tried to minimize its import might be.

ance and suggested that the difference was merely tactical, Mr page 8

of money supply being on target

Hope fades

By David Blake
Senior ministers are now reconciled to being almost certainly unable to bring the growth of money supply below the 13 per cent upper limit, the Covernment's target for this year. Instead, they intend to keep firm control over the growth of money in the coming months, even this may not be able to undo all the rapid able to undo all the rapid growth caused by the interven-tion to keep down the value of

the pound.

An important element of their best efforts approach towards keeping within the money supply guidelines is likely to be a decision to let interest rates a decision to let interest rates rise soon as money growth is succeeded by rapid growth in the banking month to mid-November. By the end of the year M3 growth in sterling, which is the broadly defined money stock in which the targets are currently expressed, is likely to be around 14 to 15

per cent.
The government's hope is that financial markets will see this growth as acceptable in view of the inflows which occurred in the summer, thus upsetting calculations on which Mr Healey's 9 to 13 per cent "pre-

ferred range" was based. Even the degree of overshoot which is expected rules out any loosening of domestic money supply in the coming months However, to my to throttle back the growth of the money supply to below 13 per cent would it is thought, require such a rigid restriction of bank lending that it would totally destroy Continued on page 19, column 1 since early morning.



Royal baby leaves hospital: The two-day-old son of Princess Anne and Captain Mark Phillips was taken by his parents to Buckingham Palace yesterday from St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, where he was born. He was warmly wrapped in a shawl against the cold of the day: the temperature was 4°C. Captain Phillips arrived at the hospital in his Rover 3500 at 12.29 pm fetch his wife and son. Fifteen minutes later he and his family emerged to face a barrage of flashguns and cheers from the four hundred or so well-wishers outside the hospital's private Lindo Wing. Some of the crowd had been waiting

Stephens, a midwife, who was present at the birth. She handed him to Princess Anne in the car. Sister Zohra Ahrov, one of the nursing starcar. Sister Zohra Anrov, one of the norming star-also involved in caring for the Princess, carried a Paddington Bear to the car. The bear, in as-blue duffle coat, is the gift of a medical student. The Princess and her family left after saying goodbye to those who had nursed her. Our Motoring Correspondent writes: The Royal criticized the princess for carrying her baby in the front seat of the car and for not wearing a seat belt during the drive from the hospital

Anger in France over Croissant handover

by the United States Ambassador to Egypt to President Sadat
in Ismailia this evening
Tel Aviv: Mr Menachem Begin,
the Israeli Prime Minister, seid
he had put off his own trip to
Britazin, due to have started on
Sunday, because of Mr Sadat's
historic wisit.
The news that Mr Sadat
would arrive on Saturday took
most Israeli officials by surprise. It had generally been
expected that he would be here
some time next week after Mr The night-time delivery by France of Herr Klaus Croissant, the Baader-Meinhof defence lawyer, to the West German authorities has brought a storm of protest here.

As Herr Croissant was deposited in Stammheim prison, deposited in Stammerin prison, Stuttgart, where three of the Baader-Meinhof group's leaders were officially stated to have committed suicide last month, legal circles and the left in France demanded a total suspension of extraditions until the law had been reviewed.

His extradition was agreed by the French Government yester day evening after the Court of Appeal found that the West German lawyer should be sent back to stand trial on part of date can be arranged, but there is no indication of when this might be.

United States admiration, page 8

The anger in France stems

from the technicality by which trom the technicality by which the authorities were able to extradite him before an appeal could be heard. As soon as the hearing before the Court of Appeal ended, the defence gave notice that it would appeal to the Supreme Court and also prepare a hearing before the Conseil d'Etat should the Government agree to the extraernment agree to the extra-

The Conseil d'Etat is the supreme authority on extra-dition and can overturn a government decision. Its secre-tariat stayed open through the evening, waiting for the Gov-ernment to sign any extradition decrees and for the defence to

ledge its appeal.

At 8 pm the decree was signed and at 8.30 pm the defence had the appeal before the secretariat. The next step in the process was for the secretariat to call together the lodge an necessary members of the countries.

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2p rise in price of large loaf

Bread prices will rise by up to 2p on a large loaf and 1p on a small one next week. It will be one of the largest increases on bread since decimalization in 1971, and the first important food price rise authorized by the new Price

usual step of issuing a detailed statement about its decision with a sharp warning to the rest of industry not to conduct its claims in the manner chosen by the bakers.

Mr Charles Williams, chairman of the commission, said:
"The commission disapproves
of notification being aired in
public. Who can say in the future whether publicity will modify the commission's atti-tude to a notification?"

Bakers said earlier in the month that they needed a rise of at least 21p on a large loaf, for which one of the main culprits would be EEC farm

It was the bakers who cut their prospective rise to 2p, not the commission. They decided that the rise in the value of sterling had reduced the cash cost of imported wheat enough to make the loaf cheaper.

Although the legal limit on a large wrapped loaf will rise to 252p, most will cost much less than that.

75 years By Peter Hennessy More than two thirds of secret Colonial Office tiles on the last days of the British mandate in Palestine in 1947 will full to appear at the Public Record Office when the 20-ear rule empire, on January I. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office, into which the Colonial

Office way subsumed in the late 1960s, has prevented their release until 2022. The papers represent the latest substantial batch of documents whose non-appearance has bariled historians. Inquaries by The Times have discovered the solution to the mystery.

The continued closure of part of the Foreign Office and Colonial Office exculves ariser from the Government's unvillingness to acknowledge magnetisme extraorer of the Secret Intelligence Service (MIo. Any document containing material) derived from server sources, or even memons secret sources, or even mentioning the existence of claudestire agencies, automatically remains classified for at least 73 years. The other translation is a secret The sole exception to the rate Is wartime, when parts of the is wartime, when parts of the secret archives are revealed in a carefully controlled fashion. The registries of Mio and its shifer counter-intelligence ser-vice, Mid, are never disclased. But their actairies also restrict But their activities also restrict publication of files from department upon whose less covert operations they impinge. Foreign Office reviewers, or "weeders" as they are called, have strict in tructions from a

have strict in tructions from a Caoinet committee that sat in the late 1960s on the handling of such material. Even the attractment of "Secret Intelligence Service" or "Secarity Service" to the circulation list of a relatively innocuous document from a non-clandestine department is sufficient to incur a 75-year closure.

The operations of M16 and M15, which at the time were responsible for the internal security of the empire in Palestine in 1947, have resulted in 48 "pieces" of Colonial Office documents being put under documents being put under such a continuing embargo.
Each "piece" consists of a file of paper up to two inches thick.
The Prime Minister and the collapses he consults or itself.

colleagues he consults on intel-ligence and security matters are considering publication of a two-volume official history of secret intelligence during the Second World War. Mr Callaglian's agenda includes the implications of any possible publication for the continuing iction that MI6 ceases to exist officially the moment peace is

A committee of permanent secretaries, chaired by Sir Douglas Allen, Head of the Home Civil Service, is also considering the service, is also considering the service. sidering the matter and part of its general review of public record policy. Public acknowledgment of the postwar work of MI6 in not a likely outcome. One possible remedy is the excision of all references to MI6 and MI5 from affected files, which could then be released in a degraved form. released in a doctored form.

The latest paper to be circu-

The latest paper to be circulated among the members of Sir Douglas Allen's committee concerns the inadequacies of present-day "weeding" procedures. Drafted by Sir John Hunt, Secretary of the Cabinet, its forceful arguments have made an impact in Whitehall during the past week, as the permanent secretaries begin to permanent secretaries begin to make up their minds about future reform.

African role | RAF fire-fighting teams drafted into big towns delays Cuban

link with US

By Martin Huckerby
Trained RAF crews equipped
with breathing apparatus and
cutting equipment are being
drafted into Britain's city
centres to help the hard-pressed Washington, Nov 17
The White House is disturbed

temporary firefighters.

After advice from the Chief by the expanding Cuban mili-lary presence in Angola, Ethiopia and other African Fire Officer at the Home Office, the Ministry of Defence de-cided yesterday to move the

tic relations with Havana in these circumspances, senior officials said yesterdey.

Disclosing new evidence of several hundred Cuban soldiers killed in combat in Angola, the one time. London will have 10 teams, and Glasgow, Birming-ham, Liverpool and Mauchester officials interpret the Cuban build-up there and the Cuban six each. Edinburgh, Cardiff, Newcastle upon Tyne, Middles-brough, Leeds, Sheffield, Hull and Bristol will each have four. military presence in 11 other African countries as a deliberate strategy by President Castro to intervene in Africa much as he promoted Cuban revolutionary Senior officials of the union yesterday met the National Association of Fire Officers, which may consider at an executive meeting today calling a strike of its 4,000 members Intervention in Latin America in the early 1960s.

By American estimates, the Cubans have sent 4,000 to 6,000 in support of the firemen.

The association's members, including senior officers, have been told not to cross fire station picket lines but have been providing most of the expert advice to military units. new troops to Angola since July, increasing their total strength there to about 19,000 soldiers and 4,000 civilian advisers. The White House is also con-cerned that the Cuban involvement in Africa may be encouraged by the Soviet Union.—
New York Times News Service.

Negotiations between firemen's

leaders and local authority em-ployers will be resumed today, there are doubts whether they will bring an early end to the

The chances of an early re-call of the national conference of the Fire Brigades Union, necessary to call off the strike, appeared slim after the union's executive met in London yes-

cided yesterday to move the men from RAF ground training units and hospitals.

There will be 66 two-man teams, some with renders carrying foam equipment, and half of them will be on duty at any one time. London will have 10 teams, and Glasgow, Birming an improvement in the offer of an immediate 10 per cent of an immediate 10 per cent increase in pay.
Mr Parry said the present talks with the local authoritails were on a future pay formula for firemen and added: "We have never got into the field of saying that a future formula would be a basis for recommending any-

thing."
Our Political Editor writes: The unstated political truce over the strike began to break up last night as Conservatives and, apparently, the Government sensed that the men were swinging public opinon in their The Prime Minister, acknow

ledging in the Commons that the men's true "gross pay" had not been "got across" moved quickly to have his figures publicized.

There were private ministerial hints, as Labour left wingers became more restive in their sympathies for the strikers, that the Government was looking at new possibilities.

One was to cut the working the control of the control of

week now, rather than next year, and to give the men over-time for the difference. However, Whitehall insisted that the Government's 10 per cent guideline would not be breached. Payment of overtime would seem to imply such a

breach.

Last night, while avowing opposition to the suike, Mr Whitelaw, deputy Conservative leader, declared the firemen to

be a special case.

He said in Bournemouth
that the Government had driven the services, the police and now the firemen "to an unprecedented pitch of discon-Mr Whitelaw said: "There is undoubtedly some truth which we all have felt in the faremen's claim that we are living off their consciences." He believed they had to look again at the pay of all who

The Department of Health and Social Security is to go ahead with an appeal which, if successful, will deprive a Worcester family of a mobility ellow-

ance for their severely handicapped

son. It is a test case crucial to parents of severely bandicapped children

Barclaycard rate cut

Barclaycard has cut its monthly interest rate by a point to 14 per cent. With the peak Christmas spending season ahead, Access, its chief rival, is expected to bring its rate into line

National Party is to campaign vigorously for a "Yes" vote 4

Pretoria: Council at inquest on Steve

Biko says he is ready to call the South African police minister as a witness

devolution: The Scottish

The weekly gross figures show that a recruit aged 19 would get £52 a week in the provinces and £63 in London. A recruit of 22 would get £57.65 and £65 respectively and a fully qualified fireman £65 and £73. The sums would be increased by 10 per cent under the present pay offer.

Our Parliamentary Correspondent writes: The Prime Minister said in the Commons last might that if a settlement were near it would be unwise to en-danger agreement by risking "If we were on the edge of

of a negotiated settlement, and rushing into fire stations and dragging out a lot of equipment, were to set back the settlement two or three weeks, it would simply not be worth it", he

Earlier Mr Rees, Home Sec-Earlier Mr Rees, Home Secretary, made clear why it was impossible for the Government to budge from its 10 per cent guidelines. He said: "I had a message last night from other unions which said blundy, 'if you give to the Fire Brigade's Union, you will give to us as well'". well

Strain telling, page Parliamentary report, page 6

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Mr Gordon Bradshaw, and others; on Le Monde, from M Jacques Fauvet; on mapping archiecology, from Mr J. D. Boles, and Professor R. J. C. Addinson Leading articles: Devolution; Next year's price of off; Case of the SS men Features, pages 14 and 16 Paul Routledge on the role of the "moderates" inside the electricians' union; Sir Geoffrey Cox on the start of the Cold War

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Lieutenant-Colonel Meyer at the press conference. Former SS man freed to By Stewart Tendler

The Home Secretary yester-day failed to prevent a former officer in the Waffen-SS from giving a press conference in London to promote a history of the unit and improve its pub-lic image.

lic image.

After the press conference
Lieutenant - Colonel Hubert
Meyer, who was detained overnight by the police and then
freed, obeyed an order signed
by the Home Secretary to leave
Britain. Colonel Richard
Schulze-Kossens, who was by the Hottle Secretary to leave Britain. Colonel Richard Schulze-Kossens, who was Hitler's adjutant, also left. He had stayed undetected with Mr Jonathan Guinness, former chairman of the Monday Club The orders were signed cause it was considered that the visits were "egainst public policy". Colonel Walter policy". Colonel Walter Harzer, enother former officer, was prevented from entering Britain on Wednesday.

As Herr Meyer, once a member of Hitler's bodyguard and an SS divisional staff officer, arrived home in West

Germany last night the Home Office and the Metropolitan Police were privately disputing the blame for failing to stop him doing what Mr Rees had intended him not to do. He was detained at an hotel

at Heathrow simport, on Wednesday night, having been driven there by ITN to meet Herr Harzer. He stayed at the sirport police station overnight, and at middey yesterday was driven by the Daily Express to an hotel, where a press conference had been arranged. Home Office sources agreed last night that things had gone wrong. There was no mention on the order relating to Herr Meyer that he should be detained and it was suggested that the police should not have held bim. The Immigration Act,

1971, does not give powers of detention in such a case. The order was issued on Wednesday but dated for yesterday, which gave Herr Meyer time to attend the press conference. It was pointed out that be could have claimed 14 days in which to appeal.

Police sources say they were told of orders relating to Herr Meyer and Herr Harzer. Herr

Meyer was found and said he was going to leave at 8 am yes-terday. It is admitted that there tercay. It is admitted that there was no right to detain him but it was felt that he should be kept at the police station as much for his own safety as any other reason. When he changed his mind about leaving, senior police officers said he should Leading article, page 15

New air strike

Madrid, Nov 17.—Spain's 11,000 airport workers who paralyzed the country's cividian ear craffic for 72 hours by strik-ing last weekend will start a

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new 24-hour strike toxorrow UPI.

Whip on EEC Bill angers Labour MPs

Labour opponents of the EEC were turious last night to discover that a two-line whip is to be imposed on next week's debate on the Bill for direct elections to the European Assembly. in July government business managers allowed a free vote, and Mr Foot, Leader of the House, was pressed for an explanation at a PLP meeting last night. He said: "The Government is entitled to demonstrate priorities in this matter."

EEC shelves plan for early monetary union

Hopes of early monetary union have been abandoned by the European Commission Instead it is recommending a five-year preparatory period of gradual economic convergence. Even gradual economic convergence. Even its watered-down proposals are radical ecough to frighten off many member covernments, including the British Page 7 Repointments 17, 20 Repointments 17

US officials in Somalia Handicapped test case

Mr Melvin Price, chairman of the American House of Representatives' armed services committee, arrived in Mogadishu as the expelled Soviet military and civilian advisers started to leave Somalia. Accompanied by seven other congressmen and an eight-man military party, he called on President Siad Barre and other Somali officials

Ombudsman reports

An increase in the number of justifi-able complaints of meladministration is reported by Sir Idwel Pugh, the Parliamentary
Administration (Ombudsman), in his
fifth report for the 1976-77 parliamentary session.

Richest now poorer

Britain's richest social groups have continued to see a relative decline in the proportion of the wealth they own, according to a report from the Royal Commission on the Distribution of Income and Wealth.

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HOME NEWS.

Ministry to pursue appeal that may deprive handicapped boy of mobility allowance

The Department of Health and Social Security is to press ahead with an appeal that, if successful, will deprive a Worcester family of a mobility allowance for their severely handicapped son. It is a test case crucial to many other parents of children with similar disabilities and may eventually reach the High Court. It centres on Robert Edmunds, aged 12, who has Downe's Syndrome, a mental handicap with frequent physical implications. He is described as hyperactive, has a mental age of two and will walk only few yards before sitting down.

Mr Peter Walker, Conservative MP for Worcester, has taken up the case and is particularly concerned that in their. sttempts to fight the department, Mr and Mrs Ernest Edmunds, the boy's parents, do not qualify for legal aid. Free legal advice has saved them from fees of more than £500. Mr Walker described . the case yesterday as appalling. On Tuesday he will ask Mt Minister for the Disabled, a Commons question on his policy towards providing mobility allowances for

Mr Morris yesterday would only say that it was "both a very distressing and important

children with Downe's Syn-

The family's campaign started in September, 1976, when their first application for the £5 weekly mobility allowance was rejected. On appeal to a medical appeal tribunal in January it was granted, but in May the department applied

for leave to appeal The medical appeal tribunal refused the application in July, has explained how I shall play saying it was entirely satisfied that the boy should have the allowance. Much to the sur-

Social Services Correspondent

cleared of the accusation that

they misled the public over the

real reasons for phasing out

the invalid tricycle. But Sir Idwal Pugh, Parkamentary Commissioner for Administra-

tion (the Ombudsman), in his

finding accepts that many tri-

cycle drivers are concerned

when "official statements appear to give conflicting accounts and thus cause uncertainty and confusion".

He says that the departments

the provision of a spe-time "an his aim to

are following a consistent line. He has confirmed the Secre-

Several ministers have been

By Pat Healy

on invalid tricycles

Ministers are 'consistent'



Mr and Mrs Edmunds try to interest their son, Robert, in a book.

prise of Mr and Mrs Edmunds. the department applied to the National Insurance Commissioner for leave to appeal and that was granted in September. Mrs Edmunds said yesterday that because of the department's persistence in fighting the case no mobility allowance had been paid. "I am like a pawn in a game and nobody has explained how I shall play the rules", she said. Her son, she said, needed

family, which also includes a daughter, Lisa, aged 17, lived on a small income and had no financial means to fight a test case against the might of large government department. Only the free service of a solicitor and a barrister bad enabled them to continue, and, if necessary they would pursue it to the High Court.

The department is fighting the case on the ground that the criteria for mobility allow-ance awards clearly state that

applicant should be unable virtually unable to walk ause of severe physical

It is understood that in the by's case it will be argued that, although he is able to wall, frequently he refuses to do so. Because of his low mental age, it is apparently accepted that such a refusal camot be regarded as an act of conscious will, and that issue will be at the centre of

woman to challenge dismissal

By Annabel Ferriman

The Equal Opportunities Commission, which has helped 40 women to take their employers before industrial tribunals, is itself to be taken before a tribunal by one of its former employees.

Dr Edeen Byrne, who was dismissed last week from her job as head of the commission's education section, which has 11 members, said yesterday that she would appeal She was dismissed after she

had spoken to a reporter on The Times Educational Supplement about a confidential report, not leaked by her, critical of the commission. She was quoted as criticizing the report, produced by the Home Office and the Civil Service Department for its recommendation. ment, for its recommendation that the education department's role should be reduced. Miss Betty Lockwood, chair-

man of the commission wrote to the newspaper saying that the remarks artibuted to Dr Byrne did not reflect the commission's views. Dr Byrne also wrote saying she had no recollection of making the remarks, but the newspaper is standing by its report.

The Civil Service and Home

Office report is also understood to criticize some members of the commission staff for letting their commitment to the cause of women interfere with their work. The

the report The two-year term of office of the commissioners, excluding the chairman and deputy chairman, expires next month. It is understood that 11 are willing to consinue serving, but that Mr. Alexander Nicol and Mrs Caroline Woodroffe intend

Equal rights | Strain is telling on soldier-firemen

the firemen's strike entered its fourth day yesterday the strain of tackling out-breaks with out-of-date and inadequate equipment was tell-ing on the soldiers doing the

men's iobs. An officer said: "Our lads are getting very tired and we are worried that exhaustion will mean mistakes and some of

our men, will get killed.". In London alone troops have dealt with more than 130 fires since the strike began on In the North-east soldiers

fought two big fires yesterday. The first occurred at a super market at Bedlington, Northumberland, after a gas explosion.
Flames spread to an ex-Servicemen's club next door.
About fifty troops with four appliances were helped by the

police. The fire burnt out in bout three hours but both buildings were badly damaged. A second big fire started at a farm at Hebron, Northumbe land, after a heystack had caught alight.
As the strike continued more

signs of bitterness emerged. Fire officers withdrew from the control centre of Derby fire headquarters and troops took their place:

Mr Michael Bull, chairman of the National Assoc ation of Fire Officers, said: The special dispensation given to officers to cross the picket lines at our headquarters to man the control room has been with-

By doing so we shall be more able to maintain a neutral stand. The 12 officers who man the control room are now available to give the troops advice Since the dispute began 12 officers have worked in three

shifts for 24 hours Fifteen striking firemen from Huntingdon brigade headquar-ters have been banned from having their Christmas dimer at a country public house. They

had booked at the Bell Inn, Southoe. But the landlord, Mr Brian Stephenson, said he was anti-trade union. Although he respected the work done by firemen he disagreed with their strike.

At Bexleyheath, south-east London, firemen left their picket line yesterday to free a critically injured man from his wrecked car after a crash

outside the station.

They broke the front seat of the car with their hands to pull free Mr Robert Johnstone of St Paul's Crav. Kent, free as smoke was pouring from the engine. He was critically ill in trospital last night.

Christopher Walker writes from Belfast: Seven incendiary devices planted at a large timber yard in Dungannon yesterday were defused by an army expert.

Later part-time firemen moved in to prevent a

potentially serious fire from gaining hold at the Monsanto chemical complex, near Cole-raine. Two 70ft-high tanks of polymer were destroyed, but plant officials believe that the damage might have been much

There have been five fire deaths in Ulster since the strike began, but army and police sources say that mone could have been prevented by the regular firemen. All the victims were children and in the case of one, a girl killed on Tuesday night, the police be-lieve a petrol bomb was involved.

The two children who died in their house in the Falls area of Belfast early yesterday were Robert Finnegan, aged two, and his sister, Liza, aged 10 months. A few hours earlier two sisters, Grainne and Brongah Porter, aged 12 and 10 died often hours transed

10, died after being trapped in the upstairs bedroom of a blazing house in Banbridge, co

Incendiary attack

Inventive pupils praised by minister

By Alan Hamilton A schoolchild who can design a vandal-proof telephone kiosk or a central hearing system for bird cages, or a lighting system for discotheques, is just as gifted and socially valuable as one who can pass examinations. Mr Oakes, Minister of State at

the Department of Education and Science, believes. Yesterday he presented prizes to winners of a schools design competition sponsored by the Design Council and the General Electric Company. Besides the kiosk and the heating and lighting systems, winning entries from pupils aged from 13 upwards included a safety system for playgrounds, and a

pneumatic yacht sail. Mr Oakes told winners, their parents and teachers that the basic skills needed to cope with both life and work were nurmally raken to be literacy and numeracy, but visual awareness and the ability to make things were of great importance in the national battle for reconstruc-

A school curriculum preoc. cupied with a notion of scholarship meant that drawing and making were subtly devalued by being relegated to the state of

Society's infetuation prestige, white collars and clean hands had roulted in a wide spread belief that a good education meant a wholly scholastic one. At the same time some teachers believed that informal almost anti-academic, methods

were best.
"It is high time we got rid of the outdated rubbish that relates social prestige to employment in a way that is strongly reminiscent of the caste system; anyone who uses his hands to earn a living is quite definitely among the

parishs.
"That is the breathtaking cheek of it all; those who actu ally produce the wealth that pays the piper are not even allowed to listen to the tune". Mr Oakes said.

A person's merit did not depend on his academic attain ment or on the career it led to; there was no eternal league

table of the worthiness of various jobs.

"As long as such ideas persist, we shall never completely overcome what is increasingly seen abroad as yet another British disease. Continual down grading of the creative and the practical will mean that we shall never get a proper share of the best young talent into engineering and design, needed so badly by productive industry". Mr Oakes said.

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Dead family named

The people killed in a collion the A1 near Ayton, Burders, on Wednesday were Mr Robert Hutton, aged 40; his wife, Ruth, aged 40; and Mrs Hilda Spence, aged 70, her morher, all of George Street, Bowburn, co

Consultants' contract 'would encourage NHS work'

Correspondent

immobile by phasing out the The issue was raised by Mr
Jeffrey Rooker, Labour MP for
Birmingham, Perry Bar, who
believed that various statements made by Mr Ennals,
Secretary of Stat for Social
Services, Mr Morris, Under Secretary of State for the Dis-Secretary of State for Trans-abled, and Mr Horam, Under-Secretary of State for Trans-

port, were contradictory. He described the Ombudsman's findings yesterday as "very disappointing in some ways". Mr Rooker was chiefly con-cerned that the Government was relying on the inability of tary of State's undertaking to the tricycle to meet European cialized vehicle in about five safety regulations when his research disclosed that they did not apply to three-wheel vehicles and were not

The present division between full-time and part-time consul-tants working in the National tents working in the National Health Service will be dropped from their new contract, final discussions on which should be completed with government offi-cials by the end of this month. After working a set number of sessions for the NHS, a con-sultant would be free to do further sessions for additional further sessions for additional

man of the Central Committee for Hospital Medical Services. which represents the 13,000 consultants, said yesterday that the contract would encourage doctors to do more NHS work. At the same time it did not discourage private practice. He thought the contract would the present scheme is made mandatory on member states. amount of private practice

undertaken. Shortage of NHS funds, not the contract, would

Although general hospital work was being attacked and money diverted to other sectors, there must be a likelihood of expansion in the private sector. It was for the Government to provide enough money for con-sultants to work in the NHS. Full time consultants in the NES work 11 sessions of 3; hours each a week (although many work longer hours) and

payment, tackle private prac-tice, or give his time to any-thing else.

Mr Anthony Grabham, chair undertake not to practise pri-vately. Part-time consultants work nine sessions and lose two elevenths of their pay but have private patients. then have to be priced by the Review Body ou Doctors' and

The new contract will have to be put to the profession and is likely to lead to a long debate. A referendum on views is likely on whether to accept it. It will

Review Body on Doctors' and Dentists' Remuneration.

Although the consultants' provides for 10 notional half consultant days (NHDs) of 32 hours a payments.

new contract as an industrial-ized type of deal on the lines of the junior doctors, it is agreed that it is more timebased" than the old contract: extra work attracts extra money. But the contract retains its professional element of continuing responsibility for the

It is considered vital that in pricing it initially the review body must be free of the constraints of pay policy, such as a tight 10 per cent limit. Negotiators say the review body must seek to correct

anomalies between consultants and junior hospital doctors, other professionals, and the population as a whole.

It is hoped that agreement will be reached by consultants in time for the review of salaries next April, but it may not be priced until the following year.

rospered sessions, one for ad-ministrative duties and committee work and one for continuing responsibility for patients and departments. An option for agreed additional sessions would be built in.

A clause is written in to safeguard existing contracts. It is felt that a full-time consultant moving to the new contract would almost automatically be needed for two extra sessions and would therefore be paid for 12 NHDs.

There is also a banding sys-tem under which extra pay-ments would be made for being on call at night and a "recall ' if the consultant had to attend a hospital in an emergency.
The contract seeks benter

allowances for the use of cars and telephones. No agreement

proctor's office From Our Correspondent Colchester A small incendiary attack was

on university

made on Wednesday night on the office of Dr John Oliver, protor of Essex University, Colchester police confirmed last night. Papers were destroyed, and there was smoke damage.

Dr Oliver, who is responsible for university discipline, has been a target for student demonstrations since the imposition of penalties on students who occupied the administration block earlier this year. The students' union dissoci-

ated itself last night from Wednesday's attack which it said was completely irresponsible.

The incendiary device, a small petrol bomb and a piece of lias been reached on distinction awards, under which groups of consultants qualify for extra payments.

Electrical union bars steel strike leader

By Paul Routledge

Labour Editor
Mr Wyn Bevan, leader of the
mofficial strike of electricians
that crippled production at
British Steel's Port Talbot works for 11 weeks in the spring, has been barred from attending his union's conference as a delegate.

The biennial conference of

the Electrical, Electronic, Tele-communication and Plumbing Union being held in Blackpool next week is expected to show up once again the divisions between left and right over policy and politics. Militant branches are seeking to holding ban on communists holding office in the union and will ask for rule changes that will make conference decisions binding on

Minister refuses

Mr Silkin, Minister of Agri-culture, Fisheries and Food, told farmers yesterday taat he would not raise the level of EEC prices in Britain to pre-vent the entry of cheap beef

imports from the Irish Repub-

lic.
Farmers want an immediate devaluation of the "green pound", by which EEC farm prices are expressed in sterling, to eliminate a subsidy worth 13p a pound to exporters of beef from the republic to the United Kingdom.

to halt Irish

beef imports

the leadership. Mr Bevan, aged 39, was a left-wing candidate for executive council membership, against the incumbent moderate, Mr Bernard Clarke, two years ego. After a reorganiza-tion of branches his election as delegate to conference has been declared invalid, and the motion he sought to move call-ing for an end of branch amalgamations without the consent of members has not been

put on the agenda. "I shall be there leafleting, and there will be an attempt to get the issue debated through a challenge to standing orders", he said last night. The Bevan case is a microcosm of the simmering political discontent within the union. In

Cardiff, a branch has been disbanded by the executive because of "irregularities", and its delegate to the conference, Mr Billy Williams, a Trotskyist, has also been barred. He stood for the EETPU general secretaryship against Mr Frank Chapple.

Mr Bevan is taking legal advice over being barred, and the left's campaign over his case and the policy conduct of the union since the last conference was held in mid-1975 is likely to provoke fierce political fighting next week.

Mr Callaghan is to address delegates on Wednesday, and Mr Len Murray, general secretary of the TUC, will do so on Thursday.

Risk of going too far, page 14

bursday.

Risk of going too far, page 14 Thatcher says.

Tory chief resigns

Mr William Clark, MP for Croydon, South, who resigned yesterday as a deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, is not to be replaced, Mrs

Din Oyers Tomorrow, you could be asked about the Job Release Scheme.

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the Job Release Scheme must apply by 31 March 1978. There'll be advertising in the national press to tell them about it. MANCHESTER > Leaflets with full details of the Job SHEFFIELD Release Scheme are available from any Employment. Office, Jobcentre or Unemployment Benefit Office. NOTTINGHAM" Just ask for copies of the Job Release Scheme Leaflet.

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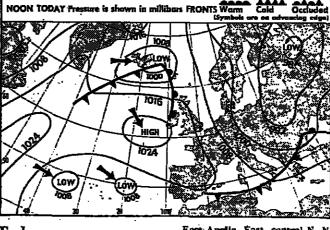
ports n 1975. Mr Silkin's statement was a conclusive rejection of appeals from leaders of forming unions in England and Wales. pound changes which brought our price levels for beef per to those of countries in the Community such as Germany whose currencies have appreciated substantially, would have serious effects on beef consumption here", he said. He was replying to an oven letter from farmers in Kent and Sussex.

10.5 pc pay offer to seamen

Union leaders of ocean-going seamen were given an improved offer yesterday of 10.5 per cent plus 11 days extra leave from January 1.

The National Union of Seamen is seekink more on basic rates and talks with the General Council of British Shipping continue next Friday.

Weather forecast and recordings



ers of beef from the republic to the United Kingdom.

The subsidy has arisen because the Irish "green pound" has been moved much more than the British in line with the decline of sterling in the nast three years. Similar subsidies led English and Welsh farmers to demonstrate against Irish beef at British ports n 1975. Full Moon: November 25 Lighting up: 4.38 pm to 6.55 am. High water: London Bridge, 6.42 am. 6.4m (20.9ft); 7.23 pm, 6.5m am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 7.23 pm, 6.5m (21.2ft). Avonmouth, 12.3 am, 11.1m (36.3ft). 12.41 pm, 11.1m (36.3ft). Dover, 4.6 am, 6.0m (19.7ft); 4.57 pm, 5.7m (18.8ft). Hull, 11.39 am, 6.4m (20.9ft); 11.47 pm, 6.4m (20.9ft). Liverpool, 4.26 am, 7.9m (26.1ft); 4.52 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

A cold N airstream persists, with troughs moving into Britain from NW.

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S, SW Eng.
land, Midlands, Channel Islands:
Sunny periods, mainly dry, becoming cloudy later; wind NW, moderate; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Tow; becoming co showery again on Sea passages:
Strait of Dover strong; sea rough.

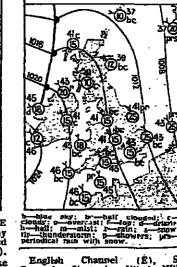
England: Wintry showers, sunny intervals, becoming cloudy; wind NW; fresh; max temp 5°C (41°F). Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scot-land, Glasgow: Wintry show rs, becoming clottdy, rain later; viad NW, fresh; max temp 6°C (43°c). NW, fresh; max temp 6°C (43°C).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee,
Aberdeen, Central Highlands,
Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: Wintry showers,
becoming cloudy, rain preceded
by snow in places later; wind W,
moderate or fresh; max ramp 6°C
(43°F).

Argyli, NW Scotland, N Ireland; Cloudy, rain at times; wind W, fresh or strong; max temp 7°C (45°F).

Outlock for tomorrow and Sun-day: Rain in most places tomor-row; becoming cold, bright and showery again on Sunday.

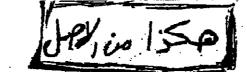
WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;



George's Channel: Wind NW, fresh, locally strong; sea mainly moderate. Irish Sea: Wind N. gale, becoming W, strong; sea very

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm, 7°C, 45°F; min, 6 pm to 6 am, 2°C; 36°F. Humidity, 6 pm, 75 per cent. Rain, 24hr to 6 pm, trace. Sun, 24hr to 6 pm, 0.51r. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1006.4 millithans rising millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.



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The Queen invites her most meritorious

By Philip Howard The Queen set a protty precedent yesterday by inviting the 24 people whom she has selected personally as the most distinguished in her kingdom to celebrate the seventyfifth anniversary of the Order of

Merit with her.

The order was founded by her great-grandfather in 1902 on the occasion of his coronstion. It had been the idea of the Prince Consort, on the model of Frederick the Great's Order, pour la Mérite: but its inauguration was frustrated in the later years of Queen Vic. giving in the Chapel Royal, St James's toria by Lord Salisbury.

Although it confers no ritle, and has no robes, the Order of Merit is the most disringuished of all orders, since it has always been in the personal

Members of the Order of Merit photo-

graphed in the Music Room of Bucking-

ham Palace after a service of thanks-

Bankside, Sir Alan Hodgkin, Sir George Lord Franks. Edwards, Lord Penney, Sir Isaiah Berlin,

Palace. Standing, left to right: Lord Mr Harold Macmillan, Lord Clark, Sir Wedgwood, Sir William Walton, Profes-Todd, Mr J. B. Priestley, Lord Hinton of Ronald Symc, Sir Frederick Ashton, sor Dorothy Hodgkin, Mr Graham Ronald Syme, Sir Frederick Ashton, sor Dorothy Hodgkin, Mr Graham and Mr Malcolm Macdonald.

Sutherland, The Queen, the Duke It was the seventy-fifth anniv
Scated, left to right: Dame Veronica of Edinburgh, Mr Henry Moore, Lord the Order of Merit.

Mountbatten of Burma. Lord Zuckerman It was the seventy-fifth anniversary of

Twenty-one of them arrived

for the service of thanksgiving in Henry VIII's Chapel Royal gift of the Sovereign. It is in St James's Palace and lunch-never awarded for political ser-vices, and politicians are not consulted. In the personal in Henry VIII's Chapel Royal in St James's Palace and lunch-eon in Buckingham Palace afterwards. The two senior Bri-tish members of the order Market Membership is restricted to Graham Sutherland (1960) and mation 24 men and women, subjects of the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exceptionally meritorious service in the Armed Services or towards tush members of the order, Mr gale, a soi mation (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception in the Armed Services or towards Sir William Walton came to the order, Mr gale, a soi mation (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception in the Armed Services or towards of the order, Mr gale, a soi mation (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, whom the Queen considers to have given exception (1963), the Crown, who are considered to the Crown (1963), the Crown (1963

Dame Veronica Wedgwood and Professor Dorothy Hodgkin, were present (the only pre-vious female holder of the order was Florence Nightingale, a sorry comment on esti-mation of merit until

It was an intimate family to have scaled the honorific occasion in the pretty Tudor peak of holding both OM and chapel that has been the cradle Order of the Garter (also in boys who received it this year. chapel that has been the cradle Sir William Walton came to of English church music. A

opposite the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh, and Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother. The Duke of Edinburgh was appointed to the order in 1968. Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Benas a recognition of his achieve-ments in scientific and other

The only other living person worthy descendants of the itin-erant "chapels" of singers of the medieval Kings.

The Duke of Edinburgh read

row of the cleverest old faces out advice) is the heavily dec- the lesson from Ecclesiasticus, the advancement of art, litera-ture, and science.

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London from Ischia, especially row of the cleverest old faces out advice) is the heavily dec-ture, and science.

Twenty-one of them arrived

The two woman members, opposite the Queen, the Duke Lord Mountbatten of Burma, praising famous mena, and our fathers that begat us. The Bishop of London, Dr Eilison, as Dean of the Chapels Royal, Elgar, Vaughan Williams, Ben-jamin Britten, and William Walton, was sung beautifully by the six gentlemen and 10 children of the Chapel Royal, led the congregation in prayers for the Queen, for guidance, for wisdom, and "for our-

selves ".

To date there have been 132 members of the order, the most eminent men of letters, century. They have even occa-

sionally admitted statesmen, strangely given the OM in such as Churchill and Attlee, 1906, there have been only six for distinction above and beyond the call of politics. Mr Harold Macmillan, who was there yesterday, is the only living statesman holder of the order, which has the advantage of recognizing merit without zer. taking away from such reluctant recipients of honours the privilege of remaining com-

moners. Apart from three Japanese ulitary leaders somewhat

honorary foreign members since 1902, including Marshals Foch and Joffre after the First World War, General Eistschower after the Second World War, and Dr Albert Schweit-

Some pessimists persuade themselves that we live in en age of decline and demeri-Yesterday's congregation of holders of the CM proved them wrong

Port officials

may not

students

test foreign

By Sue Reid, of The Times

SNP devolution campaign will be of general election proportions

The Scottish National Party is to campaign for a "yes" the funds, but we shall have vote in Scorland's devolution referendum with all the energy of a general election campaign.

The party's strategy committee which has for once lost Bill." tee, which has for once lost the tactical initiative in the

argument over reshaping Scot-land's political future, will meet tomorrow to consider how to mobilize the formidable party organization to campaign in favour of accepting the devo-lution Bill.

lution Bill.

Many nationalists are distinctly cool towards the proposed assembly structure, which they feel is hardly relevant to the party's aim of indepen-

Small revolt on 'guillotine'

In Thursday's division on debate on the two devolution Bills Labour MPs who voted against the Scottish guillorine measure were:

Mr Abse (Pontypool), Mr Cunmingham (Islington South and
Finsburyl, Mr Dalyell (West
Lothian), Mr A. Evans (Cacrphilly), Mr Garrett (Wallsend), Mr
Leadbitter (Hartlepools), Mr
Moonman (Basildon), Mr Mendelson (Penistone), Mr Phipps (Dudley. West).

Labour MPs who abstained Mr Brown (Hackney, South and Shoreditch), Mr Ryman (Blythel, Mr Lewis (Newham North West), Mr Lomas (Huddersfield, West),

An SNP official, however, said yesterday: "The Scotland is British campaign may have the funds, but we shall have It seems that the factions for

and against the Bill are polariz-ing in Scotland into the socialists and trade unions socialists and trade unions versus the Tory Party and industry, with the campaigners against the Bill in what is

thought to be a stronger and more convincing position. The SNP inevitably will be supporting a measure in which it does not entirely believe ex-cept as a stepping stone to in-

Mr Conlan (Gateshead, East), and

Mr Contan (Gateshead, East), and wrote on the devolved questions would not be able to wrote on the devolved questions in Scotland.

Those Labour MPs who changed their position and voted for the guillotine, having opposed it last time were. voted for the guillotine, having opposed it last time, were:
Mr Dean (Leeds, West), Mr Mann (Merton, Mitcham and Morden), Mr Lamond (Oldham, East). Mr Hamilton (Fife, Ceutrall, Mr Ovenden (Gravesend), Mr Parker (Dagenham), and Mr Urwin (Houghton-le-Spring).

The motion concerning the Scotland Bill was carried by 313 to 287 votes, a government majority of 26. A similar motion on the Wales Bill was carried by 314 to 287, a majority

Labour MPs who reluctantly voted for the Bill will fight it at the referendum stage. Tak-ing their example from Mr Robin Cook, Labour MP for Edinburgh, Central, they seem to agree that it would be better for the unity of Britain if devolution was put assinst the wall by the Scots themselves.

A "No" vote would be immensely crippling for the SNP, setting back its hopes for big constitutional change in Scotland many years. That is perbaps the strongest reason for rallying those nationalists who consider a less than powerful assembly irrelevant to the party's main aim.

A serious anomaly that dissenting MPs will exploit in the campaign against the Bill is the fact that 71 Scorish MPs would be able to vote on all English matters but English members would not be able to members would not be able to

in Scotland.

Mr George Robertson,
Labour Party chairman in
Scotland, yesterday denounced
the Scotlish National Party for
its cynical approach. If the
Government had made the
Commons guillotine motion on
Wednesday an issue of confidence, he said the SNP would
have wored against it to force ence, he said the SNP would have voted against it to force a general election. "We consider this an act of the gravest cynicism for a party that has declared itself strongly in support of devolution but would nevertheless seek to bring the Government down for stort-

BBC to implement £11m pay offer

By a Staff Reporter

The BBC has decided, "in the best interests of its 26,000 staff", to implement the £11m pay offer it made lest month.

The offer, within the pay guidelines, represents 10 per cent on the corporation's annual pay bill, and increases in basic cates will range from in basic rates will range from 10.9 to 15 per cent. Certain minor improvements have been

It is understood the decision was made, although more money has been sought by the BBC's biggest staff union, the Association of Broadcasting and Allied Staffs, in order to make the increases available by Christm

It applies to monthly-paid staff from October 1, to weekly and part-time clerical staff from August 7 and to catering staff from August 21.
In a statement the BBC said it was not denying any of the recognized unions the opportunity of further negotiations on pay and conditions of employment. But it believed

Parliamentary Correspondent, Westminster

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, was urged in the Commons

on both sides of the House expressed their revulsion, Mr Rees said he was considering whether any additional legis

that if that proved necessary the law would be amended without waiting for the report of the Williams committee,

which is reviewing obscenity.

By Hugh Noyes

and that was the wish of most

"In its negotiations with the recognized upions the BBC has made it clear that it cannot make an offer that exceeds the Government's 10 per cent limit on the total pay bill. It has, however, made certain minor improvements within that limit."

The statement makes: clear that the BBC is impatient to end negotiations swiftly in view of the fact that it is now nearly a month since the offer

was made.
The response of the ABS, with 14,000 BBC members, was not known last night; it has already taken action over its own claim, notably by blacking out the Queen's Speech at the state opening of Parliament on November 3.

Mr Anthony Hearn, general secretary of the ABS, has denied that the union is seeking increases of 30 per cent; but he does want them to be higher than 10 per cent to reduce the differentials. reduce the differentials that exist with the independent that it was important to pay exist with the in the increases before Christmas, television companies.

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, was urged in the Commons yesterday to act urgently over recent reports that children are being increasingly used for pornographic purposes. As MPs rarely took place and that the long-term effects upon a child of corrupt sexual practices. Mr Robert McCrindle, Tory MP for Brentwood and Ongar, said there was a special responsibility to pornographic purposes. As MPs rarely took place and that the

law was already equipped to deal with what was going on.

from the Conservative Committee Committe

MPs urge Mr Rees to act on child pornography

Woman stayed in bedroom 16 years

From Tim Jones
Abertillery
The condition of a woman who stayed in her bare bedroom for 16 years before she died could not have been exceeded in horror by the vic-tims of a Nazi concentration camp; Colonel Kenneth Trea-sure, the Gwent Coroner, said at an Abertillery inquest yes-

at an Apertnery inquest yesterday.

It was stated that before she
died earlier this year Miss
Unis Powell, aged 54, of Alma
Street, weighed only 6! stone.
She lay in a tiny dark bedroom, her skull exposed at one
point with lice in her hair, and
the bone prograding through the bone progruding through the flesh of her hip. There were traces of excrement on the floor and the windows were blacked out. Her only

light was a small torch.

Colonel Treasure, who recorded a verdict of death by hypostatic pneumonia, multiple pressure Sores, a kidney disease and lack of care, indicated that he had come close to considering that there might have been cause to proceed with manslaughter charges against the woman's sister, Mrs

He pointed out that added

children were sometimes put

into pornographic films and literature with the approval of

their parents.

Jean Wiffiams, and other members of her family.

Dr Rama Pagaddia, the family doctor, said that although ha had visited members of the household 30 or 40 times he had never been aware of the existence of Miss Powell.
"They are all of low intelligence, but Mrs Jean Williams

Mrs Williams said that when their parents died in 1960 Miss Powell wear to bed and would not get up. "She just wanted to lie there, saying her nerves were bad", she added. "We all got fed up with her; she was an ewful woman. None of my family would see a doctor. It is as if they are frightened of

Mr John Williams, who lived in the house, said be had last seen his sister-in-law in 1970, when she told him "to mind my own bloody business". Colonel Treasure said he had to censure in the strongest terms Mr and Mrs Williams and all the occupants of the house, who must have known of the risks involved in allow-

whether the Home Secretary

was satisfied that psychiatric treatment was available in

prisons when people were sen-tenced for such crimes.

Mr Rees told the House that he would consider the matter

of treatment. There were diffi-

culties in drawing un legisla

parent taking a picture of a

fire when it was a few months

child on a rug in front of the

He urged people who dis-

covered an example of porno-

graphy in a shop to go to the

tion that would not catch

Higher Education Supplement Immigration officials will not be empowered to test the academic ability of overseas stu-dents arriving in Britain, according to a confidential joint circular released by the seems the most responsible", Department of Education and Science and the Home Office. The new draft circular, dis-tributed among government departments and interested organizations last month for

comment amends the controversial document on entry regulations prepared by the two de-partments last year. It curtails powers originally proposed for immigration effi-cials to test students at the pert

of entry and says colleges may be consulted "in cases of difficulty arising at ports".

Unlike last year's document, which provoked strong protest and was never released, the new circular consultations and the new circular consultations. circular says it is not the func-tion of the immigration service to assess a student academically.
But it adds: "Immigration officers are required by law to be satisfied that an applicant is willing and able to follow a full-time course of study." That involved an assessment of his

bona fides and his general documentation. the immigration authorities have serious doubts about the academic credentials of a

student acriving in this country they will normally call for an independent academic before reaching decision on entry", the circular That would come from says. the polytechnic or college concerned although on occasions it might be necessary to get help from local assessors. The circular emphasizes that the final question of academic suitability lies with the college.

The circular is to offer new guideknes to local education authorties, polytechnics and colleges in the light of the Immigration Act 1971.

campaign against Front From Our Own Correspondent Cardiff By Peter Evans South Wales MPs opposed to developing fall in line habited

Home Affairs Correspondent The Conservative leadership has supported a campaign to take on the National Front head on. It was launched yesterday by the Federation of Con-servative students with Mr Whitelaw, the party's deputy leader and spokesman on home affairs, giving a warning against turning evilly disposed minorities into martyrs by seeking to ban views lawfully

expressed.

expressed.

Agreeing with the line taken by the students that the Front's arguments have to be exposed and answered by rational argument, he urged them to take their campaign beyond the confines of universities, polytechnics and colleges. "Margaret Thatcher, my colleagues in the Shadow Cabinet and I pledge to you our full support."

Speaking in the old thearre of the London School of Economics, which was decorated by mics, which was decorated by anti-Front posters, he said;

We have a responsibility to help those in our society who face special disadvantages. This is not, as some people have argued, the same as giving an unfair amount of aid to certain groups.
"What we want, and must

do, is to remove the extra disadvantages that certain groups labour under, so that they can start off as equals with everyone else in our society. Once we have removed their is no question of giving them at that point more help than the rest of the community. That would be unfair." While insisting that there

should be no concessions to racial or religious discrimina-tion, he continued: "Nor must we treat arrogantly the genuine anxietics that many people feel about having to absorb in a relatively brief period of time people from very different cul-tures. I believe that there is no more certain way of driving people who are not cracialist into the arms of the National Front than by blandly pretend-ing that genuine social problems do not exist.

His speech supported the inclusion of questions designed to identify people's ethnic origins in the next official census, so as to obtain an accurate picture of the difficulties their communities face.
Asked if the campaign would signal any change in the party's attitude towards immigration, he said he believed in firm and fair policies. But simply calling for an end to immigration was deceptively easy.

exchange for MPs' votes Wales is confident that Plaid

devolution fell in line behind the Government's call for a guillotine on the Wales Bill after they had received assur-

indicated to Mr Foot their re-luctance to vote with the Government unless ministers were

dropped from the introduction to the referendum. They regarded the assertion as conten-tious. They asked the Government to keep open the possi-bility of a second referendum to seek the electorate's view on

ances on the conduct of the referendum, it became clear yesterday.
They are understood to have

granted the same right to speak against devolution as they were during the EEC referendum. The MPs also insisted that any statement asserting that Wales should remain a part of the United Kingdom should be

The anti-devolution lobby within the Labour movement in Beer crate held up bed

lansed.

Tories back | Referendum concessions in

Mrs Sylvia Busbridge, a former chambermaid, was awarded 5500 with costs by agreement double bed involved in the preint the High Court yesterday against Grand Metropolitan Hotels Ltd for injuries to her Babycham crates, which it back suffered in 1973 when a usually used. The beer crate hard as hear raised the hard to a higher level.

bed, said to have had a beer raised the bed to a higher level create as a makeshift leg, coltan the others did.

Mr Michael Dent, her counter the use of crates as bed legs sel, said the Europa Lodge was general at Grand Metro-Motel at Gravesend, Kent, had to use crates to support beds not", Mr Dent replied, "but after plastic legs had broken. It appears it was very extensive in the property of th

They were eventually replaced at this motel at that time."

feated in such a poll. Mr Neil Kinnock, MP for Bedwellty, said last night he was confident the Welsh people would bury the devolution Bill in a referendum.

Plaid Cymru said it would support the Government's Wates Bill even though it was resentful that powers offered to Wales were less than for Scotland. Mr Dafydd Williams, general

secretary of Plaid Cymru, said yesterday: "The cost will be less the none penny a person a week He looked forward to remind-ing rebel Labour MPs of their

pledge to support the assembly given at the last election "which they are now seeeking cynically t abandon". Mr Donald Walters, chairman of the Welsh Conservative Party, said his organization would continue to resist the

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Leeds University might face £4m pay claim By Our Education Correspondent

Leeds University would have to find between £3m and £4m more this year to meet the 25-30 per cent pay claim by the Association of University Teachers in full. That would be an additional 11-17 per cent on the university's £25m budget. Lord Boyle of Handsworth, Vice-Chancellor of Leeds University and chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals, told the universky court yesterday that the university would be faced with a "rapidly worsening financial position" if the settlement for academic salaries was more than 1 or 2 per cent above the 5 per cent allowed for salary infla-tion in the University Grants Committee's grant.

A parliamentary reply by Miss Jackson, Under-Secretary of State for Education and Science, on Tuesday showed that if university teachers had been given the 20 per cent salary increase awarded by an independent tribunal from October, 1974, plus an allowance to cover the rise in cost of living cines then a lacture? ing since then, a lecturer's salary would be between £4,647 and £10,120 instead of the present £3,333 and £6,655. A senior lecturer or reader's salary would be between £9,766 and £12,288 instead of £6,643 and £7,951; and the average professorial salary £14,860 in-stead of £9,489.

From the Labour benches, Mr George Rodgers spoke of "this ghastly activity" and asked Another Conservative front-Señor Rodrigo on birthday visit to Britain at 75

The Home Secretary said he bencher Mr Richard Luce, said

shared the revulsion of most there was widespread public reople at the use of children in anxiety about the long-term

By Martin Huckerby

Williams committee.

Señor Josquin Rodrigo, the blind Spanish composer, who wrote the most popular guitar concerto of all time, has arrived in Britain for a visit arrived in Britain for a visit to celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday on November 22.

Although he does not play the guitar, his Concierto de Aranjuez for guitar and orchestra was an immediate success when it was first performed in Madrid in 1940. It recently gained the ultimate accolade of popularity when a "pop" arrangement of the lush thems from the slow movement from the slow movement reached the Top Twenty.
Señor Rodrigo said yesterday that when he first heard the pop record he was furious; now he is resigned.

The concerto helped to spur the modern revival of guitar music: for Senor Rodrigo showed that the instrument's relatively soft sounds can be successfully balanced against an orchestra.

Señor Rodrigo is a little regretful that his many other compositions have achieved much less popular acclaim. He hopes that his recent Concierto Madrigal for two guitars may eventually gain similar success, but he has also written concerti for other instruments as well as more than sixty songs and He has been blind since childhood. He composes in braille and later dictates the

music, which is then corected by his wife, Victoria.



Señor Rodrigo: resigned to pop record.

Still hard at work composing, he said he had many commissions but not time to carry them all out. He will shortly complete a Concierto Pastoral for flute and orchestra com-missioned by James Galway, the Irish flautist.

Tonight he will be at the Festival Hall for the concert by

the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra under Louis Prémaux. John Williams will be the guitar soloist in Rodrigo's Fantasia para un genrilhombre. Señor Rodrigo's last visit to London 19 years ago was when he stopped on his return from San Francisco, where he had heard Segovia give the world premiere of the Fantasia.

Lecturers attack Gould report 'McCarthyism' By Our Education Teachers at the Open Uni-

versity have passed a resolution condemning the "McCarthyite techniques of smear and innu-tendo" used against university teachers by Professor Julius Goold in his recent report, The attack on higher education. Professor Could complained

in his report that Marxist and ir his report that Marxist and ir adical "thinkers had had a widespread and damaging influence on higher education in Britain. Professors and courses at the Open University are specifically mentioned several Professor Gould said he believed that Open University

since they worked largely alone and were greatly dependent on written course material.

There solution, adopted by a majority of two to one at a meeting of about a hundred members of the Association of University Teachers asked the University Teachers, asked the union's council to note that scholars working in a Marxist and radical tradition had made a significant contribution to teaching and research in British universities.

students were particularly vtd nerable to Marxist influence,

"To inhibit work in this tradition would be an improverishment of scholarship", the resolution states. It restficts that a "healthy university system requires that its teaching and research reflect a plurality of intellectual positions and

police with it. Parliamentary report, page 6 Councils suggest

fairer transport deal for disabled By Our Social Services

Correspondent

Higher pensions and allowances would be a much fairer way of helping the clderly, blind and disabled with transport difficulties, the Association of County Councils said yesterday.

The association told Mr Rodgers, Secretary of State for Transport, that his proposals to extend concessionary fares would help only those elderly and handicapped people able to use public transport.

Mr James Ireland, chairman of the association's planning and transport committee, said:

and transport committee, said: "The problem is not a trans-port problem, but the relief of poverty, a government respon-sibility that should be dealt with in pensions, taxation poli-cies, and so on."

The association, in its res-

ponse to a departmental circular, said concessionary fares could help only where there was a reasonable network of bus services. They were of little value where the service was diminishing or disappearing. The association urged the Government to take a general initiative to persuade transport operators and unions to accept concessionary fare schemes. In some areas, it said, it had been impossible to introduce token schemes even when they were supported by local authorities.

Man in secrets case 'ferret, not skunk'

Mr Justice Cusack asked if

Corps and now a social worker, of Alexandra Park Road, Wood

freelance journalist, who faces an enemy; receiving such in saboteurs. It had never before charges under the Official Sector formation from him and similar been used against a journalist.

Duncan Campbell, aged 24, a mation that might be useful to aimed at the skunk, spies and

of Alexandra Park Road, Wood
Green, London.

Mr Campbell is charged with
obtaining from Mr Berry infor
mr. Apperison Said it was contain Secrets Act, Section one of two offence, there was no evithose charges. Section one of tended to publish the informathe Official Secrets Act was tion he received.

New study of ways to run authors' public lending right By Kenneth Gosling dies have continued. The commission, whose cultural dicted her society's aims A further technical investigation into possible methods of ment grant of £50,000, is said it posed insuperable sum from the libraries and we operating a public lending expected to be completed by administrative difficulties.

operating a public lending expected to be completed by right (PLR) scheme for the end of March, authors is to start shortly after Meanwhile officials are study. the signing of a contract be-tween the Department of Edu-cation and Science, and the Associatin of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux,
which will make the study.
The question whether
authors should be paid for the
use of their works by libraries.

has been under consideration. Most support has been for e for years. Efforts to get a measure through Parliament have failed.

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Meanwhile officials are surdying the European Commission
plan, reported in The Times
yesterday, for a European public
lending right, although the
method proposed, a "lump
sum" royalty to be distributed
by writers' societies to their
members, is expected to have a
cool reception here.
Most support has been for a

Miss Maureen Duffy, chairman of the Writers' Guild and a member of the Writers' Action Group, said the commission's report appeared to arise from a study for the REC cul-tural department from Dr Adolph Dietz on member

> of harmonizing them. of harmonizing them.
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> M Gregoire's proposals, she said, formed "a shopping list of different aspects of copyright which he obviously thinks of as the beginning of harmonization". Little contra-

states' copyright Acts and ways

suggest one from cental government to pay for PLR. Miss Duffy said they had every indication that it would in fact, come from cental government; the question was Continental countries had

continuo we had not:
authors' collecting societies.
The Society of Authors said:
"We would have to study the
lump-sum idea, first to see if it
would work fairly, end second how much money would be in-

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Architect with an eye for landscapes is honoured as planner

Sir Frederick Gibberd, one of Sir Frederick Gibberd, one of the most inventive and versatile of receives her been awarded the cold Medal of the Royal Town planning Institute, ir was an nounced Desicrday.

Sir Frederick, who will be 79 next January, is only the anoth recipiest of the award slace it was instituted in 1953. We will be received to the same and the continued in 1953. We will be received in 1953.

Macdonald Zucken was instituted in 1953. His pre-was instituted in 1953. His pre-decessors include Sir Patrick Abercrombie, Mr Lewis Mum-ford, Lord Holford, Sir Frederic Osboru and Sir Colin Buchanan. Among Sir Frederick's best mown buildings are the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool, the Central London Mosque in Regent's Park, and the Inter-Continental hotel at Hyde Park Corner. He also undertook the difficult and long delayed reconstruction of Courts Bank, in the Strand, behind the original Nash facade.

More controversially, he was responsible for the as yet un-completed Kielder dam in Northumberland and for the Northumberland and for the terminal buildings at Heathrow. He says that, in the airport's early days, he voiced doubts about restricting expansion by placing the terminals within the intersections of the main runways, but was told that as the architect his job was to concentrate on the buildings.

rate on the buildings.

It must have been a difficult pill to swallow, for Sir Frederick has always emphasized that architecture and planning are, or should be, inseparable. He became involved in town planuing, he says, because of his convictions about the importance of the effect of buildings on their environment. buildings on their environment and vice versa.

It is as a planner that he is being honoured by the institute, being honoured by the institute, and it as a planner that he gardening to which might be longest remembered. His most outstanding bered. His most outstanding achievement is probably Harlow ing life.



Sir Frederick Gibberd : Planned Harlow New Town

New Town, for which he pre-pared the master plan 30 years ago. He still lives in Harlow, opened the first office in the town centre and is closely in-

His feeling for landscape as well as architecture helped to create a physical layout that is widely regarded as the most striking of all the new towns. He was also one of the pioneers of conservation and an outstanding advocate of the need for sensitive redevelopment in for sensitive redevelopment in for sensitive redevelopment in historic -town centres; his achievements in places as diverse as Doncaster and Stratford on Avon, Banbury and Leamington, though not without their critics, have been widely commended.

With his luxuriant moustache and tweed suits, he conveys

with his luxuriant moustache and tweed suits, he conveys something of the character of a latter-day Edwardian country gentleman in the Elgar tradition. He lists his recreation as gardening to which might be added collecting English water-coloure and apparently enjoy.

recognized that, in the real world, extreme simplicity will never be feasible. Provided they were related to costs, the

fares benefited the consumer.

Most governments 'want air fares regulated?

Cooperation rather than confrontation with the scheduled airlines was desirable in developing an acceptable oping an acceptable structure of European faces, the Civil Aviation Authority has con-cluded after submissions to it over three days by airlines and other interested parties.

The hearings took place in London in January, and in a discussion document based on them published yesterday, the authority said that, although it might be argued that the same chould be allowed the same comparisons made at the hear-ings between European and United States airline fares and costs. The evidence did suggest should be allowed the same freedom of pricing as any freedom of pricing as any that United States costs and other commercial enterprise, fares were lower than those of most governments had decided British Airways, "although the that air fares on scheduled ser-differences were much smaller prices should be regulated. vices should be regulated. than is often suggested by

"It is not possible for a crude comparison". The authority was conscious of an unacceptable degree of major aviation country like the United Kingdom to stand aside, alone, from such a regulated environment."

The authority said it saw no reason in principle why the structure and levels of air fares should not closely reflect the costs of providing each kind of facility offered by the airlines to the public.

Such a close relationship between fares and costs must surely be in the best interests of consumers, who should, so far as possible, pay the full cost, but no more, of providing the facilities they demanded.

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It followed also that consumers should not be obliged to buy more elaborate facilities then they demanded and were willing to pay for. One of the more sensational abomissions to the hearings in

cross-subsidization between

gories. It intended to give fur ther consideration to a practi

Among the scheduled air-lines in Europe the regulatory

"The regulatory authority, which has power to restrict competition in this way, must therefore ensure that this does not occur.

January was that by the AirJanuary was that

Appeal for more | Sentences on arts broadcasts youths who Sir Claus Moser, chairman of the Royal Opera House, Covent

ensure widespread broadcasting of the performing arts on television and radio (our Music Reputer writes). "It is the whole question of arts for the people. We want to perform to millions", he said.

Mark Atkins, Stephen White, and David Boniface, all aged 18, were sent to a detention

Concern at Disabled soldier's benefit suspension 'wrong, abrupt and arbitrary'

Ombudsman finds more complaints justified

on grants By Diana Geddes Mr Norman St John Stevas, MP, opposition spokesman on education, and the National Union of Students have independently decided to call on the Government to set up a working party or discretionary awards for students. administration investigated by the Ombudsman, Sir Idwal Pugh, 31 were upheld. That compares with 23 out of 77 in the quarter from February to

effect that the proposed ablow-ance of £18 a week for young April and an overall level of 43 per cent in 1976, itself a 6 per cent increase on the pre-vious year. people on the youth opportunihave on other students in further education who are not figible for mandatory grants The National Union of Stuents, which lobbied MPs at

Cases of maladministration with the distress it caused. The brought to light in Sir Idwal's fifth report, for the 1976-77 parliamentary session, published yesterday, include that of a former soldier who suffered psychoneurosis after witnessing wolve the DHSS and the Inland Westminster yesterday, says that 300,000 students, or 90 per cent of full-time further education students on non-advanced

tion students on non-advanced courses, receive no grant at all. The other 10 per cent get a grant averaging £2.22 a week. The union wants a government working party to lay down a framework for further education students to win parity with those receiving £18 a week under the youth opportunities programme. It also wants the Secretary of State for Education to propose legislation giving herenabling powers in designate more courses that would carry

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awards for students.

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enabling powers to designate more courses that would carry an enrithement to a mandatory student grant.

Mandancy grants are given for full-time or sandwich first-degree courses or for any course that has been officially designated as comparable to a first-degree course; for full or partitime initial teacher training courses; and for courses leading to higher national diplomas.

Victoria and Albert Museum towards the money they are seeking to buy the recently discovered Wordsworth and Coleridge manuscripts for the nation.

In July, Cornell University bought the hitherto unknown manuscripts, which include worth and his wife, at a Sotheby's auction for £38,500.

Last week the Reviewing Com-

By David Nicholson-Lord

Nearly half the complaints investigated by the Parliamentary
Commissioner for Administration (the Ombudsman) from May to July have been upheld by him, a sizable increase on the previous quarter and running well above the levels of last year.

Of the 64 complaints of maladministration investigated by

notice by the Department of seventies, who was presented Health and Social Security, with a bill for £896 because of leaving his wife without money the Inland Revenue's "consisto buy food for their three children.

Sir Idwal describes the de-cision by a local office as wrong, abrupt and arbitrary and adds that he fully sympathizes with the distress it caused. The

the Inland Revenue's "consis-tent mishandling" of his affairs. In a case involving the DHSS,

nan suffered a stroke, which left him partially paralysed, and his doctor submitted an applica-tion for a special wheelchair Six months later he died. Two months after his death,

two standard, identical letters from an artificial limb and appliance centre inquiring appliance centre inquiring whether her husband was get

ting full benefit from a wheel-chair lent for temporary use. The report describes the in quiries as inexcusable, although it adds that the department has now revised its procedures

Two further cases refer to the Department of Transport's refusal to pay an "unqualified" objector at a road inquiry ade quate expenses to cover his attendance, and a trained tea-cher who said he had been encouraged by Department of Education publicity to leave a job he had been in for 29 years has to trail from one shop to to go to college, but was then another to find the most unable to find employment in ordinary item in the make, size

teaching. expresses sympathy but comes down in favour of the government departments. Parliamentary Commissioner for Administration, Fifth Report for Session 1976-77 (Stationery Office, 12.60).

Vets attack park ban on dogs

Plans by local authorities to ban dogs from parks and other public places because of the threat of Toxocora conis. a worm tound in puppies that can infect people, were attacked by the British Veterinary Association vesterday.

In brief

supermarkets.

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'Poor service' in ::

Mrs Sally Oppenheim, oppo-

sition spokesman on prices and,,

consumer protection, said yes-+ :

protest against poor service m

"Standards in this country are nowhere near United States

levels", she said at the annual luncheon of the British Frozen

Food Federation in London

and variety that one wants."

All too often over here one

It described the ban, which has been enforced at Burnley,

Stop pampering,

Mr James Anderton, Chief, Constable of Greater Manchester, said yesterday that society must stop pampering those who bite the hands that feed them. He was giving a lecture at Present Polytechnic

£18,000 promise to Wordsworth appeal

The trustees of Dove Cottage, Grasmere, where the main Wordsworth museum and library are housed, have been promised £18,000 by the Victoria and Albert Museum towards the money they are seeking to buy the recently discovered Wordsworth and Coleridge manuscripts for the matring. chase price.
The Dove Cottage trustees

mittee on the Export of Works of Art, suspended the issue of an export licence for four months to enable a British institution to match the purchase price (course, and we feel sure that somehow now we shall be able to find the amount needed." Cornell was open to an offer from Dove Cottage, but was not abliged to accept it. "They

The Dove Cottage trustees launched a public appeal, with the help of a letter in The Times on November 12, to enable them to buy the manuscripts from Cornell before the extra time is up, on February 5.

Mr Jonathan Wordsworth, their chahrman, said: "The Victoria and Albert has responded to our appeal by promising us £18,000 from one of the grant funds it administers. We are delighted of could keep the manuscripts in England", he said, "but we accept."

The trustees have already raised £85,000 this year towards construction of a new library, and have decided to broaden the manuscripts appeal under one big Wordsworth Heritage Appeal. For all three they will need about £200,000.

obliged to accept it. "They could keep the manuscripts in England", he said, "but we are hopeful that they will

Heritage award gold medal for National Trust

The achievements of the National Trust have been recognized internationally with the award of the Johann Wolfgang von Goethe Gold Medal, which will be presented at a reception in London today (our Planning Reporter writes). The FVS Foundation, of Ham-

burg, which has made the award, commends the trust for "the splendid example it has set for the whole of Europe in the conservation of the archi-tectural heritage and landscape

Luncashire, as an overreaction police chief says

ton Polytechnic.

"It is time we put people before political machinations, dubious principles and the new god of bureaucracy", he said.

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Garden, appealed yesterday for urgent Arts Council action to

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Analysis of shop

stewards The department of adult Education at Hull University is examining the motivation, characteristics and experience of shop stewards in British in-

Six companies and the Trans port and General Workers' Union have agreed to cooperate in the three-year project.

Raymond Aron

David Walker talks to Raymond Aron, Judith Judd interviews Asa Briggs, and Laurie Taylor plays hunt the Markist, in The Times Higher Education Supplement today.

Corrections Mr R. M. Lewis, who was described as Chief Probation Officer for Kent in an article on Marrists in higher education on Tucsday, is senior probation

The Morning Star is not £187,000 in debt as stated on Monday, but has a projected deficit of that amount for next year. A proposed price increase from January 3, 1978, is expected to yield £154,000 extra income.

attacked soldiers

Fourteen young men and youths who sought out soldiers in order to attack them were sentenced at the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday. They pleaded guilty to various charges of unlawful assembly, assault and robbery.

Judge Argyle, QC, said:
"This case arises out of a
series of incidents of violence
that took place in Surrey.

"They involved organized gangs of young men in motor cars going around seeking out persons they thought or believed to be soldiers and attacking them, beating them up and in some cases robbing them."

Mr Christopher Purchas, for the prosecution, said that the group looked for men with short hair, but twice their victims were students. Three other victims were Territorial Army soldiers. All were knocked to the ground, kicked and punched while they lay helpless.

Stephen Clark, aged 23, of Tongham, Surrey, was jailed for two years. Keith White, aged 20, and David Brewer, aged 18, were jailed for six months.

Gordon Powell, aged 20, Barry Cole, aged 19, and Alan Williams, aged 19, were sent to borstal.

centre for six months. A boy aged 16 was sent to a detention centre for six months and another for three months. A boy aged 17 was put on probation for two years and two PARLIAMENT, November 17, 1977___

Mistake admitted over suspected terrorist who was allowed to leave UK: false passport used

It was by mistake, not by design, of three prominent North Yemenis in London, and an alleged participant at the Mogadishu hijacking, was allowed to reenter Britain after being deported and then allowed to leave again, Mr Merlyn Rees, Home Secretary, said.

Mr Jonathan Aitken (East Thanet, C) had asked if be was satisfied with his department's contingency plans and measures for dealing with terrorist activity.

Mr Rees (Leeds, South, Lab)... These are kept under commuous review in the light of intelligence and other information regarding terrorist activities and incidents. reproduct activities and incidents.

Mr Affker—Would Mr Rees consider having talks with representatives of the media to try to establish a voluntary code of conduct about the way these terrorist episodes are sometimes publicized?

The aware that the whole of the adjuved in reprise? Is he aware that the whole of the

Mr Rees—There is no doubt that sible for that hijacking?

ministers meet regularly? Is he satisfied with the degree of harmonization of administrative the signature and ratification of Mr Rees-There are

methods of Cooperation between countries, particularly within the EEC. I chaired a meeting early in the year when we ralked about what should be done. All the matters he quite properly mentions were considered.

Schemes prepared must be suffi-ciently flexible to deal with inci-dents that might not arise in the

Whitey, C)—Would Mr Rees not agree there is likely to be continued anxiety about the case of Zchair Yoush Akache who was deported from Britain and was allowed to reenter? Is he aware that the whole of the recent German commando rescue operation at Mogadishu could have been seriously put at risk by the deplorable decision by two Braisis newspapers to publish advance information about the commando unit's movements in deflance of a request by the German Government?

Could we try to take steps to could we try to take steps to consure it does not happen again?

No Been There is no doubt that

Mr Rees—There is no doubt that when such an incident arises there are problems in general with the media. All I had better say with regard to that is yes, I will do more.

Mr Charles Fletcher-Cooke (Darwen, C)—Will he say some-

He was using a false passport. If Mr Brittan wants it, a mistake took place. But it certainly was not done by design. An error was made. I have said it now and I hope he is satisfied.

tary for a statement about the circumstances in which 7-chair Yousif Akache was permune to kave the country on or about

Mr Rees, in a written reply, said— The Commissioner of Police of the Metropolis tells me that detailed police inquiries have established that Akache, against whom war-ratts of arrest have been issued for the murden of three Verney Arab the murder of three Yemen Arab Republic subjects in London, April 10, 1977, left the country that afternoon. He left through Heath-

Soon after the murders had been Soon arter the murders had been committed, the police and the immigration service at Heathrow were alerted but the descriptions of the suspect provided to the police were insufficiently detailed. to enable Akache to be identified and apprehended. It was not until the following day that urgent and painstaking police inquiries pro-bided evidence linking Akace with

Parliamentary notices House of Commons

Mr Rees willing to see if law can be tightened to tackle child pornography

Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secrenry, said he was looking at the
problem of child pornography to
whether there were any aspects in
which the law needed to be
strengthened before the Williams
Committee completed its wider
review of obscenity.

He said he shared the revulsion He said he shared the revulsion

of most people at the use of children in portography. His information so far did not reveal a significant problem with which the Mr Richard Luce (Shoreham, C)-There is widespread public anxiety about the long-term effects upon a child of corrupt sexual practices. Equally, one such example is the exploitation of children in the production of pornographic mate-

This is an area upon which Mr Rees could take urgent and imme-diale action rather than refer it to

Mr Rees (Leeds, South, Lab)-

That is precisely what I said. The Williams Committee is the longterm approach. I am looking at, there are real difficulties of definition which it not properly drawn up would catch a parent taking a picture of a child

on the rug in front of the fire when

On pornography, the need for us to extend protection often stems from the fact that children are put in pornographic films and litera-ture sometimes with the approval of their parents.

I have no liberality on this; it is Mr George Rodgers (Chorley, Lab)—Is Mr Rees satisfied with the level of psychiatric treatment available in prisons when people are sentenced for this ghastly activity? Mr Rees-When I have made in-quiries before I have found that while there is a wider problem of

people who are mentally ill in prison—and that is something we Mr William Whitelaw, Opposition

Mr Rees .- With regard to the on the rug is front of the live when it is a few months old. How you draft law to exclude normal pictures of that kind is rather difficult.

Mr Robert McCrindle (Brentwood and Ongar, C)—Even for those of us who take a fairly liberal wiew of what people say and do in privete,

Income tax rebates should begin to be paid next week: problems in self-assessment

Secretary to the Treasury (Ashton-under-Lyne, Lab) moved the second reading of the Finance (Income Tax Reliefs) Bill to give effect to the increased personal tax reliefs announced by the Chancel-for of the Exchequer in his recent statement and the exemption from income tax for the year 1977-73 of any general increase in social security and other pensions and allowances.

He said that the important factor m the last few months had been the large increase in confidence in the United Kingdom. There had been an amonistring and unparal-leled change in the financial future of the country.

In October last year there was a minimum lending rate of 15 per cent, today it stood at 5 per cent, the lowest since 1972. There was a falling rate of inflation. It was 13 per cent for this quarter, and was continuing to fall. The prices of

Official reserves were at the un-paralleled amount of \$20,000m and the balance of payments were now expected this year to be more than £250m in surplus as opposed to the deficit of £1,405m last year.

The strategy of which this particular Finance Bill formed a part was of steady and sustained recovery in production, improvement of living standards and the increase in employment prospects. Within that total strategy, there was scope for these measures costing about £1,000m in the current year. This was going to be spent in tax allowances, the advantages of which were that the effect would be early, that there would be money in people's pockets and the inderstanding that if this action had not been taken there would have been a further 900,000 people who would have become liable to

Adjusting the 1977-78 tax liability came on top of a year with an exceptionally disruptive work partern for the Inland Revenue. It of frustration among staff.

He was pleased to say that despite the deep feelings of those concerned the Inland Revenue was now able to go ahead with the recoding. For those cases not involving coding adjustments, the great majority would receive their refunds on or close to the original disceptible with reservements begin

Financial encouraging that a group of civil (Ashton- servants sufficiently aggriered to yed the attend their union meetings in large numbers and at short notice, felt on balance they were able to ary hoped most of the repayments would be made according to the timetable put to the House. This would mean a refund of \$20 to the single person and £35 for the married person and a further 65p a

week reduction in tax for the single person and £1.05 for the mar-As the tax paid by the average man was reduced in real terms so it was going to reduce the poverty trap. It was the Government's hope that they would be able to continue

on this course. To bring the tax on beer to the same level it was in 1968, there would need to be an increase in the duties of 31.6 per cent. To bring spirits to the same level in real terms as in 1968, there would have

to be an increase of about 70 per cent. Tobacco duties would have to increase by 36.2 per cent. But as a result of their failure to revalorize indirect taxation, this had meant a move towards higher direct taxation and lower indirect The future intention of the In-

land Revenue was to try to achieve the twin aims of efficiency, and, where possible, simplification. Efficiency was largely a matter for the Inland Revenue, but simplification was much more the He and the Inland Revenue had He and the Inland Revenue had been concerned with the matter of self-assessment, but it would be wrong to assume that this would be lead to greater simplification. In the United States, which had such a system, the personal tax system would be extraordinarily complicated with reliefs multiplying almost without number. There aimost without number. There could also be enormous hidden

could also be enormous quoten costs.

This Bill (he said) makes a modest advance in using the opportunities presented to us to bring about a reduction in the income tax burden. It is a small step, the importance of which is indicated more by the direction in which the Government are proceeding rather than the actual reliefs.

But Pater Rees. an Opposition

spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs (Dover, C) said that, as was usual under Labour Governments, with the approach to a general election came the expressions of regret and remorse for

I feel the country will recogni (he said) there is a vast difference between this country and others in one major and significant respect—in the rate of direct taxa-tion by Labour administrations. The Chancellor had spoken of a budget of reward. It was apparently reward for years of sac-

I do not think we want to be rewarded (he said). We would prefer to go without the sacrifices and stay with the rates of taxation we enjoyed under a Comservative

Most people would get the relief proposed by the Chancellor before Christmas, but could anything be done to help the five million people with mortgages who were not to be recoded before early next

sonal allowances in 1973-74, the sorial allowances in 19/5-/4, the last year of the Conservative administration, would cost about £1,430m. The real value of the single person's allowance then would be £1,199, whereas the Financial Secretary proposed £945, and the real value of the marriage allowance would be £1,562 com-

Even people on the average in-dustrial wage were now paying a higher proportion of their reduced earnings in direct taxation than they ever had under a Conservative administration. It was a simple political and economic truth and the country would not be fobbed off by the glib explanations of the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister.
There was nothing for the 1.400,000 higher rate taxpayers; nothing for the skilled worker, and nothing for middle management. Even the highest rate bands had not been indexed. There was nothing for the retired living on laughingly-called investment incomes The Governent's electoral stra

The Governent's electoral strategy was clear. Such reliefs they were forced to give were to be scattered grudgingly to those on and below the average industrial wage with a further erosion of differentials. But even those wate carners would not forget, as the other taxpayers would not forget, that their living standards had dropped. In this year of repentance, Mr Healey's proposals were too little, spread too thinly and too late.

The people would learn the simple political truth about Labour Governments: they were not in the business of cutting direct taxation.

Unions say: 'If you give to firemen you will give to us'

Other trade unions had sent a message saying bluntly: "If you give to the Fire Brigade Union you will give to us", Mr Merlyn Rees, the rome Secretary, said during questions about the firemen's strike. The Secretary of State for Scotland (Mr Milian) and himself, he added, had told representatives of both sides of the National Joint Council for lucal fire brigades that they were ready to meet them at

In the exchanges, Mr Anthony Durant (Reading, South, C) said that in his constituency in the last two mouths two firemen had been killed and two awarded bravery honours for rescuing people from the Thanes.

get this strike over?

Mr Rees—He is suggesting 2.5 per cent over the 10 per cent would settle the dispute. I do not think he is speaking on behalf of the Fire Brigade Union. It is easy to suggest ways in which it could be done. I am not going into the 18 per cent, which is basically important to the interests of the further of this country. There is more to the discussions than that.

Of course the Government are

negotiating position, Lord Winter-bottom, Lord in Waiting, said in answer to Lord Harmar-Nicholls

driver to total marmar-victions (C). Lord Winterbottom denied any "sharp practice" by the Gvernment.

Lord Harmar-Nicholls had said it

was good that compensation was

Contemplated.

But the Government the said)

hould keep in mind that procras-tination in agreeing this payment on account can only delay recon-struction of the businesses con-

Mr Martin Flannery (Sheffield, Hillsborough, Lab)—There is deep and spreading sympathy for this patient and orderly body of men and there is an increasing wish among our people that some major concession should be made to these

that there is not a high regard for the work of the firemen. But I had a message last night from other unions which said blundy: "If you give to the Fire Brigade Union you will give to us as well." So when one talks about From my talking to picket lines special cases, if every other union late last night (be went on I believe they are looking for some way out of the dilemma. Cannot he make some small offer, like 2.5 per cent over, as the Ford workers were given, in order that we can get this strike over?

Mr lan Lloyd (Hayant and Water-

Of course the Government are Mr Reco-On blocking the use of

be. When it comes to the use of masks. we have been considering this. They are not things that one can use just by coming in one morning and wearing them. They are complicated stuff.

We have a trained Services group, a small group, who can be protected in that way and can be used in that way.

The general approach that equipment is not being used because of a

The general approach that equipment is not being used because of a block by the Fire Brigade Union is just not true.

Mr Dennis Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)—The longer this strike persits the more money it will cost.

Will be acknowledge that he can wink to the content of the cont Will be acknowledge that he can give a nudge, a nod and a wink to the NIC. even though it is a Tory controlled body, in order to see that negotiations start? The 18 per cent that the Royal family got would be a good starting point. Mr. Rees—There is one point about the 10 per cent in the current situation. With a wage of £70 a week this is £7 a week. We are not talking about small soms of money—10 per cent is a large amount of money on anyone's salaxy or pay. I think it is an important factor to take time account in this stage of moving out and developing pay policy.

Of course the Government are concerned about it, but under the negotiating procedures laid down the local authorities and the Fire Brigade Union are talking to suggest that it is a member of the fire Brigade Union are talking to suggest that it is a member of the fire Brigade Union are talking to suggest that it is a member of the fire Brigade Union are talking to suggest that it is a member of the fire Brigade Union to the fire Brigade Union the fire the fire beat to do and who is doing it is not the fire basis on which to move.

Mr Winston Churchill, an Opposi-ion spokesman on defence (Stret-ford, C)—The lives of the armed forces are being put at stake by the

Mr Rees-No. I will not do that are not trained for and do not have the equipment to deal with. Mr James Callaghan, the Prime Minister, agreed, during later questions on the firemen's strike, to examine with the Home Secre-tary whether breathing equipment could be used by untrained sol-

he added.

The Prime Minister had been asked by Mr William Whitelaw, Deputy Leader of the Opposition and spokesman on home affairs (Pennih and the Border, C.) if the strike is not settled by necessition. is something the Fire Brigade strike is not settled by negotiation, trained soldiers. If it Union have been talking about for as we all hope it will be, would be should have it. (Cheers.)

the position of the equipment available to the troops? They are being asked to undertake a dan-gerous and difficult job. We accept what the Home Secre-tary has said, that there are certain parts of the equipment which can-not be used without training. Would they look carefully to see whether that goes for all the equip-ment, particularly the breathing equipment?

Mr Callaghan—Yes, most cer-tainly. The Home Secretary and other ministers affected discussed this. There seems to be a difference of view about the breathing apparatus which according to my information is not easy to use without proper statistics. vithout proper training.

On the other apparatus, we would have to balance two considerations. First, that equipment in the fire stations should be used stations and dragging out a lot of In response to a further question by Mr Whitelaw, he said: I will have another hook with the Home Secretary to see whether breathing equipment can be used by un-

Race Relations Act needed to protect minorities The Race Relations Act was race relations legislation should

necessary to protect minorities from descrimination on the grounds of colour or race, Mr Brynmor John, Minister of State, Home Office, said

Mr Nicholas Budgen (Wolver-hampton, South-West, C), during exchanges on urban deprivation, said—One of the greatest problems In that connexion, will be com-

ment on the remarks made yester-day by Lord Justice Scarman that the reason is that in seeking to do justice to shose who are disadvan-

only be temporary? Mr John (Pontypride, Lab)—in

rnse. The Race Relations necessary to protect the minorities in the community from disadvan-tage and discrimination on the grounds of their colour or race blame immigrants for all the prob-lems of the inner cities is a grores-que travesty which does no credit

Variations in prosecutions for shoplifting

The Home Office is to study the reasons for variations in prosecutions for shoplifting, Dr Shirley Summerskill, Under Secretary, Home Office. said.

Sir Anthony Meyer (West Flint, C) asked the Home Secretary to call a conference of chief constables to discuss the possibility of adopting a common policy regarding presecution in cases of shoplifting. Dr Summerskill (Halifax, Lab)— Decisions about prosecutions are within the responsibility of chief officers of the police and up of the Home Secretary. Sir Anthony Meyer-It would be best for the police to decide in individual cases, bearing in mind aid the personal circumstances, whether prosecutions were justi-fied rather than leaving it to some stores to pursue an indiscriminant policy of prosecutions to prose-thar their security arrangements are extremely effective. Dr Summerskill—Chief officers of police have recently studied their pactice in prosecuting for shop-lifting and agreed on some stand-

ard procedures which are designed to lead to greater uniformity of practice.

The Home Office research unit will be studying the reasons for and extent of variations in prosecutions for shoplifting.

Mr. Robert Adley (Christianshurch curions for anopuring.

Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—There is an increasing number of people in the police force, magistrates and probation officers concerned that the bation officers concerted that the trading methods of the stores are responsible for the startling number of allegations of shopiliting. Could the do something towards helping those with a legitimate problem to find out how many people who come up to these offences are, for the first time in their lives, on a serious criminal charge?

Dr Summerskill—This research by the Home Office is looking into shops, police and the courts and will find out the statistics he asks-for. It is difficult to get accurate statistics.

Next week

Elections Bill, second reading.
Friday: Private members' monomer on North Sea oil; the problems of small businesses and light industry; and shortage of productive skill in industry.

The main business in the Lords will be:
Tuesday: Debates on reports from EEC committees on congacts.

negotiated away from business premises and on self-amplies of premises and on self-employed commercial agents.

Wednesday: Debate on CPRS review of overseas representation.

Thursday: Education (Northers Ireland) Rill, second reading.

Move to control disguised business transactions

Payments on account

to shipbuilding firms

ing. It dealt with disguised busi-ness sales.

The practice complained of was most widely seen in advertisements for goods for sale, for example second-hand cars. furniture and electrical appliances. Traders clectrical appliances. Traders advertised in such a way as to vate individual. The committee agreed that the practice adversely

House of Lords

To use this payment on account as a weapon to secure an unfair firm during January in the light of a priminary view of its likely negotiating position. Lord Winter-Lord Winterbottom-He is imputing future misbehaviour to the Government which is not the case. In answer to further questions he said—If there are unforeseen

delays a second interim payment Lady Ward of North Tyneside (C)—I am not satisfied that they are going to get just and fair

Winterbottom-There

cerned and that this carries with it vital hopes of easing unemploy-

Lord Oram. Lord in Waiting, moving that the draft Business Adversisements (Disclosures) Order, 1977 be approved, said it was the third to be laid under the provisions of the Fair Trading Act and arose from a reference to the Consumer Protection Advisory Committee by the Director General of Fair Trading It dealt with disputed husing It dealt with disputed husing.

agreed that the practice auteracy affected consumers' economic di-terests because it misled them about the status of the seller and

machinery for arbitration if they consider they are not receivin gfair and just treatment.

private individual.

The Order would give effect to the Director General's proposals for controlling the practice. A person seeking to sell goods in the course of a business would be required to make that fact clear in any advertisement about the sale of the goods. It would suffice if this was made clear from the content of the advertisement or from its format, size, place and manner. its format, size, place and manner of publication. If approved the Order would come into effect on January 1, 1978. No honest trader was likely to object to its provi-

Home Secretary praised for banning SS men

Mr Merlyn Rees, the Home Secre-tary, had the gratitude of most of sure that furmer members of the biggest terrorist organization the world had known for many years, the SS, were deported Britain, Dr Maurice Miller (East Kilbride, Lab) said during ques-

Mr Rees-There is one problem that arises in this in that two of

shortly to be on his way as well. During later questions to the Leader of the House, Mr Greville Januer (Leicester,

man's evil story.

the now three people arrived in this country before I knew of the publication of the book and that I think the situation is now that one has gone back and the other is shortly to go and the other one is

West, Lab)-Will Mr Foot provide time for a debate on this morning's incredible travesty, that an SS officer here under an order for deportation made by the Home Secretary was allowed out of his appropriate cell to attend a press conference—(Cries of "Disgraceful ")—to promote the criminal views of his organization? This debate is even more important because of the allegation that there is one of these officers still in this country, who can presuma-bly do the same, and a represent-ative of the Daily Express was allowed into the cell to buy this

Mr Michael Foot-I will ask the Home Secretary to look into all Mr Januer says. Some of the state-ments in some sections of the press Lab) said the Labour Party in Wales was in favour of the Bill. The timetable motion was a senare not necessarily true. The action the Home Secretary has taken indi-cates the view that the Government took.

Timetable on Wales Bill carried by 27

Mr John Smith, Minister of State, Privy Council Office, moving the timetable motion in relation to the Wales Ball, said it was the general intention of the Government to proceed with the Scottish Bill first and then to move on to the com-mittee stage of the Wales Bill. The provision of 11 days for the Wales Bill was reasonable having regard to its content and bearing in mind the obligation of the Government to see the Bills

The House of Commons sitting as a committee of the whole House sometimes took a long time to consider provisions in constitutional Bills.

Many MPs had raised the referendum as an important part of the provisions for Wales. There seemed a disposition among some MPs to say the people of Wales did not want the proposals in the Bill. Ills own feeling was that they would approve them. The proper way for the matter to be settled was by referendum.

Mr Angus Maude, for the Opposi-tion (Stratford-on-Avon, C) said the Wales Bill was a Bill that had been less demanded, was more been less demauded, was more irrelevant and less necessary, if possible, than the Scotland Bill. Mr Foot had said be made no accusations of filibustering or waste of time. It must be clear to the House that it was not the Conservative Opposition of whom he was afraid. It was the Labour MPs behind him whom Mr Foot was seeking to curtail. was seeking to curtail.
It was Mr Leo Abse (Pontypool,
Lab). Mr Neil Kinnock (Bedwellty,
Lab), Mr Donaid Anderson (Swansea, East. Lab) and Mr Alfred Evans (Caerphilly Lab) whom this nmerable motion was designed to muzzle, not the Opposition. muzzle, not me opposite.
Mr Cledwyn Hughes (Anglesey,

As reported in later editions of Mr John Stokes (Halesowed and to take a decision on devolution The Times yesterday, Stourbridge, C) said that the in-would be seen in Wales as nothing Stourbridge, C? said that the in-stinct of the House was against the Bills. If they were passed, the ancient constitution would be said ded with sementing which would be unworkable; can socrow and ultimately disaster

England was going to be down-graded and placed in an unfair position against the rest of the United Kingdom with the possible exception of Northern Ireland. Mr Colin Phipps (Dudley, West, Lab) said that he was not opposed voted with the Government on the Scotland Bill were as opposed to the measure as they had ever been. What they had done was wrong. Mr Dafydd Wigley (Caernarvon, Pi Cymru) said time spent discussing the Scotland and Wales Bill last year had not been wasted. Many year had not been wasted. Many issues had been brought to the attention of the House and criticism then had helped in producing the Bills they were now to consider. To that extent the informal discussion they had held after the failure of the Bill last year had helped to overcome certain problems.

We would like to so farther the

We would like to so farther the said). But the Bill even as it is is worth having. It is introducing a level of democracy that does not exist at present in Wales. The Conservatives were trying to and that should be seen by everyone in Wales.

It was not totally unreasonable
that the Wales Bill should have
only 11 days compared to the 17
for the Scotland Bill because it

assembly.
Executive and administrative decisions would be taken in Wales.
To that extent, the differences between the powers of English and Welsh MPs would not be so great as the differences that would arise between Scottish and English MPs

would be seen in Wales as nothing more than a cynical exercise. We believe (he said) in policies that can help in the government of Wales. We can go no farther and no quicker than the support of the people of Wales will allow us. I believe the referendum will not leave feep scars on the community in Wales although there will cer-tainly be fierece arguments. Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C) said a constitutional change such as devolution ought to merit not merely the fullest examination of each clause but also a generous examination of any amendments. Mr Emiyn Hooson (Montgomery-shire, L) said he was in favour of the simetable motion. They would means of a procedural device.

Mr Norman Tebbit (Waltham Forest, Chingford, C) said Mr Foot, when he made his case for the guillotine, should remember that one day in the House the boot would be on the other foot. In-deed, the foot would be on the other bench. (Laughter.) He would not want the precedents he was stating now to be used against him. Mr Roy Hughes (Newport, Leb) said he believed the guillotine should be used sparingly but or this issue it had become necessary. The provisions in the Wales Ball met the needs of the people of

Wales.

Mr Leopold Abse (Pontypool, Lab) said cynicism would spread when MPs who beld one view and expressed it, acted in another way.

MPs sharing his view would continue to fight, and in the end they would have the response of the people of Wales who would say "No" to the Bill in the referendam.

Mr Wyn Roberts, for the Opposition (Conway, C) said the Govern-ment dared not open up the Bill for argument. They were running between Scottish and English MPs under the Scottish Bili.

To say now that it was too early why they introduced the guillotine.

Mr Michael Foot, Lord President of the Council, said the Govern-ent would seek to mitigate any difficulties about the preamble to the question or questions to be put in the referendum. whatsoever on my part and the Government's part to cheat the people of Wales. We want the people of Wales. We want the question to be put to them in as fair a way as possible. I repudiate any such suggestion. Indeed in my opinion the way to cheat the people of Wales would be if we in the Labour Party were to abandon all the undertakings we have made to them over the years. claim to be a revising chamber then they should have revised the European Economic Communities European Economic Communities Act and the Industrial Relations Act, 1971. In both cases the House of Lords and its power was never

invoked to make sure there was All those leaders of the Conceroperation between 1971 and 1974 (be said) have certainly forfeited any claim to say they have the right to claim to tall upon the House of Lords to revise these

The Conservatives had better be careful how they used their powers in trying to interfere with decisions of the House of Commons, especially when the measures going through concerned the democratic rights of the people. Everybody would be able to see when the general election came the proposals of the Labour Party indical with the House of Lords. Those proposals would be openly laid down in the manifesto. What was not available, under present arrangements, was for the House and the country to see the arrange-ments between the official Tory Front Bench and the Tory majority in the House of Lords. The Bill was read a second time by 314 votes to 287—Government majority, 27.

The main business in the House of Commons near week will be:
Manday: Debates on industrial tribunals and on transport policy. Tuesday and Wednesday: Progress in committee on Scotland Bill. Thursday: European Assembly. Elections Bill, second reading.

EEC inquiry into supply of fish to Soviet ships | Opportunity for closer trade links with China

Strasbourg

The European Commission is to conduct an inquiry into how Russian mother ships in Community waters are being supplied with fish by vessels flying the British flag even though the EEC has stopped Soviet vessels fishing in EEC

Mr Finn Olay Gundelach, Vice-

President of the Commission responsible for fisheries, sald this at question time. The matter arose when Mr Kai Niborg (Denmark, DEP) asked whether the Commission Intended to reduce the fishing quotas of third countries in Community ter-ritorial waters until negotiations with those countries had been concluded. Was it intended to carry out inspections to ensure observance of the quotas?
Afr Gundelach replied that they had not been able to reach final or long-term agreements with third countries because they had not yet

open her waters.

The mution was agreed to.

been scaled down to zero. The Russians have stopped lishing in our waters (he said) but it remains a fact that their mother remains a fact that their mother ships are still in our waters. It is a matter of concern to the Commission how their mother ships are being provided with raw material. Are they being provided with fish by Community boots carrying the British flag, on a smaller scale, thereby depleting our waters of fish needed for our factories for human consumption, which are imhuman consumption, which are im-portant for employment? Our policy towards the Soviet Union is not one of confrontation

basis of external policy, but had tried to maintain opportunities for Community fishermen in Norwe (he said) and wishes to have an gian and Faroese waters and had examination of the matter in Co-continued to urge Iceland to re- operation with the countries con-

From the time Russians stopped Mr James Spicer (West Dorset, C) EEC fishing in the Barents Sea, their effort in EEC waters had and strong statement about the and strong statement about the activities of the Russian mother If Scottish trawlers and trawlers from the north-cast coast (he said) are going to the south-west taking out fish and feeding them into Russian ships on the scale which might develop, over six weeks it could spell disaster for the mack-erel fishing industry on the same scale as for herring in the North

> immediately. Mr Gundelach-I agree. resources of mackerel are fish resources which are still available for some exploitation by the lish-ing fleets which have been put under extreme pressure by the

Sea. unless it is stopped almost

and other species. Mrs Winifred Ewing (Moray and Nairn, SNP)—There is a mair of unreality about the Commission's answers when everyone who studies fishing must accept that the basic fact is that the EEC pond is 62 per cent to 65 per cent United Kingdom water, and a fthat a high proportion is Scottish. would treat Mr Spicer's major fleer is treated to a rotten

major fleet is treated to a rotten bargain in anybody's terms. Mr Spicer does not like it because he is trying to blame the Srots for a it of poaching here and there. The Scots have the major part of the pond and that is what you are negotiating with. Mr Gundelach. Are you goong to keep third countries out of our waters? Mr Gundelach-A considerable amount of preference has been in-cluded for Scottish fishermen as for the Irish and Greenlanders,

cons s need for Europe's rectino-logy in developing its material resources and Europe's need for materials provided the seeds for a long-term long-lesting relationship between Europe and China. The Earl of Bessborough (United King-dom, C) said during a debate on research The debate was based on three

the departe was dated on turee reports on common policy in science and technology, on research into primary raw materiate, and on medical and public technology than the property of the prope his health research. They urged and supported joint research in the various sectors covered. Lady Fisher of Rednat (UK. Lab). on behalf of Mr Robert Edwards (Wolverhampton, South-East, Lab) presenting the Environment Lab) presenting the Environment Committee report on medical research, said that this would be the first time there had been enty coordination of research in medicine by the EEC. She hoped the Commission would take this as a starting point and continue with it.

receive reports of the research.
Herr Karl Fuchs (West Germany. Herr Kari Fuchs (West Germany, C-D) said he could not approve of the proposal in the report on raw materials research that priority should be given to public corporations or associations formed by them. They should leave out political ideology and limit themselves to factual data.

The Earl of Bessborough said that the Conservatives welcomed the proposals at a step towards in-creasing the supply of fundamental raw materials.

Initially, the proposed programme concerned exploitation of the naw materials potential of the EEC, but in the medium to long term, the successful achievement of the research and development programme would provide a tech-mology which Europe could share with the Lome convention states. They possessed raw magnishs with which they could strengthen their relationship with the Community.

recently returned, had an equal need for the Community's need for the Community's materials extraction and refining technologies. The People's Republic of China supports the developing relation supports the developing relation-stilp with the Lome Convention states (he said) and would like to help supply the Community's raw material needs. Here are the seeds for a long-term long-lasting rela-tionship between Europe and China and between Europe and the Lone convention states.

The raw materials report failed to give credit to the suitlatives of private entrepreneurs in prospecting and in mine development. The main thrust of new exploration had always been undertaken by established mining companies.

. Imermittent Soviet approaches

Euractive one.

Lord St Oswald (UK, C) said that originality of scientific activity in the EEC was falling relative to that in the United States and the great discoveries of Europe's gifted sons and daughters which had enriched the world during earlier decades of the century were increasingly being bequeatied to an acquisitive and imovative America. The Community's industries had as a result to carry the financial burden of licence fees to create wealth.

The proposal in the reports for a science and technology policy was a small and not aspiringly ambiguous start.

Heer Guido Brumer, Commissions.

exploration in the Soviet Union at

Herr Guido Brainner, Commissioner for Esergy said that the Community must develop common stantiants which ind nor differ from the country to institute which did not less to distortion of competition and which brought the people of the Community together. Intermittent Soviet approaches Community must development to American and Japanese Illing to soviet the Lone could stare develop the mineral resources of from the Community to should stare the provide the people of the Community to socialist system to provide the people of the Community to socialist system to make risk of The motions were approaches.

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Commission abandons hopes for move to early monetary union

From Michael Hornsby Brussels, Nov 17

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the country will recon-there is a vast different this country and others and the rate of direct in the rate of direct by Cahour administration. Hopes of winning the support of the Nine for a rapid move towards the adoption of a single European currency, the pooling of national reserves and the setting-up of a central monetary authority have been abandoned by the European Commission. And we want by my such the rates of the same of the sa Instead, in a document to be discussed next week by finance ministers and by heads of government at next month's summit meeting, the Commission recommends a five-year preparatory period of gradual economic convergence and a tightening of existing monetary disciplines. "At the end of five years we

help the live mules the more than the same the live mules the live mules the more than the mules the more than the may be in a position to launch a more ambitious plan", Signor Renato Ruggiero, the Commission's chief spokesman, said here today. In the meantime the Commission wants heads of government of the commission wants heads of government. ernment to review annually the progress made in implementing five-year preparatory pro-

The new proposals represent a defeat for those within the a deteat for those within the Commission, among them at one time Mr Roy Jenkins, its president, who had argued that a bold move towards monetary union could provide the answer to high inflation and chronic menaphyment within the EEC. An attempt to reconcile this view with the gradualism favoured by Mr Francis Various favoured by M François-Xavier Ortoli, the Commissioner in charge of Economic Affairs, already evident in Mr Jenkins's speech last month to the European University Institute in Florence. The Ortoli approach prevails in the docuent that has finally emerged. Even in this watered-down form, however, the Commis-sion's proposals are radical enough to frighten off many governments, including the British. Mr Healey, the Chan-cellor of the Exchequer, was almost contemptuous less month

in dismissing any chances significant progress towards economic and monetary union. The Commission's five year "action programme" aims in part ar greater coordination of the short-term management of national economies, a "return pean currencies", and the creation of new loan facilities to finance common regional, industrial and energy policies.
The Commission wants to see

much faster progress towards a unified market with the emphasis on fiscal harmonization, especially of indirect taxes, the free circulation of goods and services, and the removal of controls on the movement of capital within the

Under the Treaty of Accession Britain has an obligation to permit freedom of capital movement from the beginning of next year. Treasury officials are, however, seeking an exten-sion of Britain's exemption from this requirement, particu-larly as it affects direct investment abroad and personal capital transfers.

Mr Jenkins and ms renow commissioners also want a vigorous renewed attack on structural and social problems in industry. This would combine rationalization of declaring sectors hit by recession, such Mr Jeukins and his fellow sectors hit by recession, such as textiles, steel and shipbuild-ing, with the promotion of growth areas, such as energy, telecommunications, computers, electronics and aeronautics.

For the rest, the Commission's document rehearses many of the economic arguments for monetary union advanced by monetary union advanced by Mr Jenkins in Florence. These include the boost to business confidence that might come from freeing intra-EEC trade from exchange rate risks, and the stabilizing influence that a single European current would have internationally.

British suspected of fishing for Russians

From David Wood Strasbourg, Nov. 17

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secutions

shoplifting

The EEC Commission sus pects that British trawlers are supplying mother ships of the Soviet trawler fleet with fisb and thereby outflanking the new fishing controls in the North

Mr Gundelach, Commissioner for Agriculture and Fishing, said in the European Parliament today that the Russians had accepted EEC rules as the EEC had been obliged to accept

theirs.
The fact remained that Russian mother ships were still in EEC waters off the British coast and "it is a matter of concern to the Commission how they

whether they were being sup-plied by trawlers sailing in Community waters under the British flag. He raised the cossibility that the Soviet-EEC agreement to achieve a genuine balance of fishing interests might be undermined by trawling activities breaching EEC

Hugh Clayton writes: The British Fishing Federation said: "There is no secret about this It is a perfectly straightforward commercial arrangement. If Mu Gundelach is trying to read something sinister into this it is ridiculous."

Pelagic fish, that is species that swim near the surface such as herring and mackerel, have been sold by British vessels to processing vessels from Russia, East Germany and Poland. The dealings do not concern the more expensive and politically-sensitive varieties of white fish

home rule government of the Faroe Islands has introduced new restrictions on British trawlers operating off its coasts have been forbidden to fish has been extended by four miles. Parliamentary report, page 6



Surprised by early snow in Germany, Swabian s hepherds drive their flock into winter stables.

Croissant handover denied defence time to act

cil to decide on a stay of execu-tion. But until this was agreed, the Government had every right to proceed with the extradition and that is what happened.

Ar 8.45 pm a closely-guarded line of cars left La Santé prison, passing a group of left-wing lawyers protesting in fav-our of Herr Croissant. The convoy sped down the Autocoure de l'Est towards Strasbourg. Possibly as a diversion a light aircraft was kept warming up at a rarely used airstrip just outside Paris at Coulommiers. The cars sped on to Strasbourg where Emzheim civil airport

On the bridge over the Rhine at Kehl four buses of riot police were drawn up leading to the belief that Herr Croissant was to be taken into west

was sealed off by the police and its buildings plunged into dark-

Instead, a Puma helicopter of he Bundeswehr, which had

Rabies found

in Swiss

park recently.

deer park

From Our Correspondent

Geneva, Nov 17
More than 1,000 people,
mostly children, have been
given soni-rables vaccinations in

Lausanne after two antelopes and a goet at a local deer park were found to have rables. Mass vaccination was ordered for all school classes which visited the

been practising landing and dition which was variously destake off in a corner of the air-field was used. It took off with "violation of the rights of Herr Croissant on board at 1.15

Fifteen minutes later, the Ministry of Justice stated briefly that Hert Croissant had been handed over to the German authorities, conforming to a decree of extradition drawn up by the French Government, The decree had limited its

scope to the judgment of the Court of Appeal, which found Herr Croissant should be tried on the offence of setting up a communications network among prisoners—an onence which carries a maximum fiveyear sentence in West Germany. The necessary legal formali-ties were signed and sealed at

the airport and Herr Croissant was handed over before his defence could do anything to bring about a stay of execution. Fifteen legal and political groups sent spokesmen along this morning to a press con-ference protesting at the extra-

cribed as "a scandal" and a "violation of the rights of man". The independence of the judiciary was held to have been smashed to smithereens

Two of the defence lawvers pointed out that the appeal had been lodged with the Conseil d'Etat while Herr Croissant was still in France and they denounced the Government's "scandalous haste" in putting extradition decree

effect. One of them, Maitre Marie-France Schmidlin, was at pains to point out that she was not to be associated with the left. "To the German press I want to say that Claus Croissant had a Gaullist lawyer and that lawyer today is ashamed of her

A protest demonstration has been called for tomorrow even-ing by a whole range of personalities of the left in the Place de la République. About 50 lawyers have agreed to help Herr Croissant's defence and in

text of a letter she received from her client after the Court of Appeal decision.

he would never end his life by suicide. "If you learn of my death in a German prison, that will never be a suicide. Do not believe the lies of assassins." Gretel Spitzer writes from Berlin: One of Herr Croissant's lawyers, Herr Stefan Baier, saw him during the day in Stamanheim prison. The trial is expected in about three to four months' rime

This said that despite "the special regime reserved for political prisoners aimed at destroying their physical integrity in West German prisons" he would never and his life her.

Healey visit cancelled Berlin, Nov 17.--Mr Healey, Chancellor of the Exchequer, has cancelled a two-day visit to

By Roger Berthoud

to the country's structure. There were only about 100 of them, and half of them had West Berlin and Bonn due to start on November 28 because of urgent other business.—UPI.

materialist society Hamburg, Nov 17
A challenge to Europe's students were signs of a longing to give a new meaning to materialist society was made

"They are expected to sub-mit. What remains is, in extreme cases, a resignation bound up with their careers which loss of faith and the con-

sequent loss of themselves can-

not remove . . . and the para-nois of the terrorist." What was needed. Herr Frisch said, was greater demo-cracy and a political life that would help people to be more human and create better values in life than the "battle for

Nuclear debate: Leaders of the Social Democrats today pleaded with party delegates not to block the expansion of nuclear energy in West Germany. Replying to demands from

anti-nuclear delegates for a total balt to the construction total halt to the construction of new nuclear plants. Dr Hans Apel. the Minister of Finance, told the congress: "Economic growth will need more energy." A delegate from the industrial Ruhr said that only nuclear plants could produce the large amounts of energy west Germany needed to rewith its fathers?" Hippies, West Germany needed to re-dropouts, drug addiction, self-destruction and the theoretical as a steel producer.—Reuter.

German editor says terrorist threat enhanced unity

Swiss author accuses

today by Mr Max Frisch, the

Swiss writer. He asked the West

German Social Democratic

Party congress in Hamburg whether that society should not blame itself for terrorism.

extremism, drug addiction and

resignation among its youth.
"What does this society have

to offer its young, except care-

free consumption of goods

what goals does it ofter beyond themselves, what meaning for existence?"

tuals whose sometimes un-comfortable opinions and col-

laboration are encouraged by the Social Democrats. His much

applauded speech struck closer than those of professional poli-

ticians to the core of what is a central problem in West Germany today.

"How innocent are we of the

return of terrorism, or rather how guilty? How much scope is given to this generation

to shape its own epoch together with its fathers?" Hippies,

Herr Frisch is one many progressive intellec-

Herr Frisch

sary for economic growth,

Recent events in West Ger-many had produced a new feeling of national togetherness, Dr Theo Sommer, the editor-inchief of the liberal weekly newspaper Dic Zeit, of Hamburg, said in London yesterday.
There had been an overdue
indentification with the Federal
Republic which amounted to an ac of recognition of the realities, he said, and the Government coalition had been welded together.

Dr Sommer was optimistic about West many's basic stability. He felt the terrorists were a "bloody nuisance" rather than a threat

As for the future stability of Herr Schmidt's Government, he saw a possible threat only from the four land elections next year, in Hamburg, Lo Saxony, Hesse and Bayaria.

If the Christian Democrate won Lower Saxony and Hesse, they could block any govern-ment legislation in the Bundesrat, the Upper House, This could force the Free Democrats, at present in Gov-ernment with the Social Democrats, to turn to the Opposition Christian Democrats in order to break the log jam.

But the odds against that were long, he thought. Even if it happened, it would be—if anything—a sign that the Federal Republic had the maturity to accommodate change without disruption.

death this year occurred last weekend. The victim was a 33-year-old trainer of husices who had been preparing for Arctic expedition. in response to Britain's total ban on herring fishing in July. He lived near Lausanne and had been besten two mooths ago-by one of the dogs which sub-sequently died. He did not re-An area where British vessels

Editor victim of vulnerable city

Rome, Nov 17

The condition of Signor Carlo Casaleguo, deputy editor of the Turin newspaper La Stampa, who was shot yesterday by terrorists, was tonight said to be slightly better. Journalists throughout the

country staged a two-hour strike in protest at the attack and factory, shop and office staff in Turin stopped work for

an hour.
Six journalists have so far been wounded by terrorists but the attack on Signor Casalegno was the first quite clearly in-tended to kill the victim. A constructive critic of the demo-

French put up

cratic system, he was frank about its shortcomings but be-lieved that with an effort de-mocracy could be made to work. Presumably this was one of the reasons why he was attacked.

It is difficult not to feel that he suffered because he works in Turin, the city which more than any other sums up the country's problems. With the Fiat works as its dominating economic interest, it represents the one real height of private capitalism in Italy.
It is no coincidence that Sig-

nor Casalegno's neighbour in hospital is the latest Fiat executive to have been wounded by terrorists.
The city is also vulnerable tion from the surrounding countryside and from the south. Its strained beyond the limit.
Turin is due to stage the trie

port the bite until he became

of Signor Renato Curcio, the leader of Red Brigades pervorist organization. As a result, the association has been murdered The Ministry of the Interior has decided to reinforce the police in the city but it is diffi cult to see what this will achieve unless the new men are highly trained in the fields of political terrorism and of vio-lent crime.

France tightens measures

licence to £20

television

From Our Own Correspondent Paris, Nov 17 The National Assembly has approved an increase in the television licence from 160 francs to 178 francs (just over 120) for black and white and 143 france 127 220) for black and water 243 francs to 267 francs for

This is to cover the cost of the abolition of the radio licence and the cost of repairs and protection of television transmitters in Corsica and Brittany destroyed earlier this year by autonomists. The damage was estimated at 45m

The Assembly welcomed the suggestion by a backbencher of a day a week free of politics on relevision.

against drunk drivers

From Our Own Correspondent
Paris, Nov 17
Road deaths in France have decreased by 20 per cent in the past five years, despite a 30 per cent increase in traffic. The drop is attributed to lower duced evidence to show that speed limits and the compulsory ise of seat beits.

M Christian Bonnet, the Minister of the Interior, told the Cabiner yesterday that in the past 12 months 13,000 people were killed on the roads compared with 17,000 in 1972.

4 per cent of all drivers were drunk at the wheel and that 40 per cent of all fatal accidents in France were caused by

President Giscard d'Estaing said that the first duty of a "In view of the increase in traffic, the risk of a fatal accident has dropped by 40 per cent", he said.

The Cabinet approved a Bill increasing penalties for drunken driving and fixing a modern state was to protect the lives of its citizens and ensure their security. "All Frenchmen also have a duty to demonstrate, by their behaviour on the roads, their sense of responsibility and fellow feeling for others", he said.

Pressure for Spínola reinstatement

Lisbon, Nov 17

A pational committee has been formed in Portugal to press for the reinstatement, as Army general of Senhor Antonio Spinola, who led the 1974 overthrow of the Caerano

regime by the armed forces. He was first President of the new Republic from April until September of 1974, when he was ousted by left-wing officers for alleged involvement in a right-wing coup attempt. In March, 1975, he went into exile and was stripped of his rank, dismissed the service and de-prived of all military bonours.

Senhor Spinola lived in Spain, Brazil and Switzerland before returning to Portugal in August. 1976, after moderate officers had crushed an attempt by the left to seize absolute power. He was detained briefly then released unconditionally and

has lived quietly in Lisbon ever Senhor Spinola was Deputy Chief of Staff under the Caetano Government when he wrote Portugal and the Future, a book which questioned the continuing

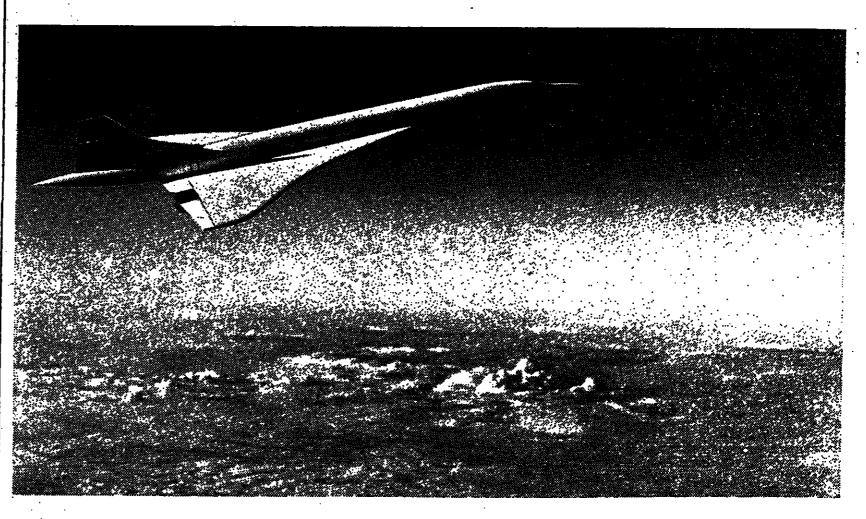
colonial wars in Africa and advanced the view that no military solution possible. He advocated instead the

ing community, on Common wealth lines, with the colonies gaining autonomy progressively

before independence. Senhor Spmola had been governor and commander in chief in the colony of Guinea and spoke from experience and spoke from experience. However, after the book was published in February, 1974, he was dismissed and younger officers decided to overthrow

Dr Caetano. The new committee has dis tributed nationally a pamphlet blaming the "ill will of certain members of the Council of the Revolution" for the delay in

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Counsel at Biko inquest ready to call minister as witness to prove a cover-up by police

Pretoria, Nov 17

The inquest into the death of Steve Biko, the South African black consciousness leader, took a dramatic turn this afternoon when counsel for the Biko family, Mr Sydney Kentridge, said he was prepared to call Mr James Kruger, the Minister of Police, if necessary to show there had been a "cover-up" by the security police about how Mr Biko died.

Mr Kentridge said that "factually incorrect statements" made by Mr Kruger after Mr Biko's death could only have been based on information supplied by Colonel Piet Goosen, head of the Eastern Cape security police, who gave evidence throughout today's hear-

He argued that the only reason Colonel Goosen could have for passing on such in-formation to his superiors would be if he had something to hide. The whole chain of information from Colonel was no evidence that it had in and that Goosen to Mr Kruger, therefore, had to be investigated, including calling Mr Kruger to give evidence if necessary, he added.

After Mr Biko's death in the statement out, said there to the to the format was no evidence that it had in and that on the first day of the hear was considered by the first day of the hear was considered by the first day of the hear was considered by the first day of the hear was considered by the first day of the hear was considered by the first day of the hear was no evidence that it had in and that a bulky file of reported him from press statements by Mr Kruger Pretoria.

at uniting the two wings of the

Rhodesian Patriotic Front

guerrilia movement, weakened

by an internal crisis, were due

Mr Joshua Nkomo, the

front's joint leader, flew from

Lusaka to Maputo, the Mozam-

bique capital, to meet Mr

Robert Mugabe, his ally in the

grouping. It is not known how long the talks would last.

Zambian Government spokes-man said President Kaunda

In another development, a

to start here today.

Nkomo-Mugabe talks to

heal nationalist rift

police custody on September 12 Mr Kruger made a number of press statements in which he said that Mr Biko had been on a hunger strike and had been fed intravenously. However, Mr Kentridge said that these statements had been shown by the evidence and affidavits before the court to be "completely unfounded 2.

"It is absolutely clear that the minister was misled", Mr Kentridge went on. Two questions now arise. Where did the cover-up start, and how high did it go? If we have answers to these it will tell us a great deal about what happened to Biko while in the custody of Colonel Goosen."

Mr Kentridge raised the possibility of calling the minister to give evidence after a a press statement issued by Mr Kruger on September 3. Colonel Goosen agreed that there were serious factual errors in the statement but said there was no evidence that it had in

would fly to Mbala, in northern

Zambia, tomorow to meet President Nyere of Tamzania.

Government sources said the two leaders have taken differing

views over the timing of elec-tions foreseen in the Anglo-

American peace plan for Rhodesia and over other issues

relating to Rhodesia's widening guerrilla war.

Zambia and Tanzania are two

the front-line states whose

diplomacy and support for the

guerrillas play a central role in

determining the course of the fight against white minority

His application was opposed today by counsel representing the police, Mr P. R. Van Roo-

Counsel for the district surgeons who examined Mr Biko before his death, Mr B. Pickard, and Mr K. Van Lieres, the Deputy Attorney-General of the Transvael, also objected. The magistrate, Mr M. J. Prins, said he would give a ruling on the matter tomorrow.

At the start of today's proceedings there was a clash between counsel for the police and counsel for the Biko family when Mr Van Rooyen queried the relevance of some of Mr Kentridge's questions to the security police. Mr Van Rooyen accused him of waging a "vendetta" against the security

During today's hearing the court was told that Mr Biko had never been allowed out of a public cell between August 18 to the toilet for days on end and that his family was not informed when his condition was considered to be serious enough to warrant transferring him from Port Elizabeth to

Washington, Nov 17
President Sadat's forthcoming visit to Israel is still caus-

ing reverberations in Washington. The American Govern-

ment was taken as much by surprise as everyone else, and

a State Department spokesman pook pains this morning to repudiate any suggestion that the United States had heard

about it in advance.
President Carter has said that he had been in daily contact with Mr Sadat. The

spokesman made it clear that this was all part of the Administration's general diplo-

Mr Fraser refuses questions on land deals

Melbourne, Nov 17.--Mr Fraser, the Australian Prime Minister, today stormed out of a press conterence here refusing to answer questions about allegeations that Mr Phillip Lynch, the Federal Treasurer, was involved in highly profitable land deals.

Mr Fraser called the press conference to attack a policy speech for the December 10 general election just delivered by Mr Gough Whitlam, the Labour Party leader, but reporters were more interested in asking about Mr Lyoch's future.—Agence France-Presse.
Our Melbourne Correspondent writes: Mr Whitlam launched his seventh election campaign in 11 years as Labour leader today but his speech is less likely to benefit Labour than the controversy over Mr Lynch's alleged property dealings.

While Mr Whitlam was speaking at the Sydney Opera

House and later on television, Mr Lynch was in hospital outside Melbourne, his future clouded after allegations in the Victoria Parliament earlier this week that he had made this week that he had made substantial profits from land deals involving the Liberal Party and land developers and

Surprised US admires Sadat move

still that it welcomes President

Sadat's move unconditionally.

It is described as "a positive

contribution to continuing

efforts to open negotiations at Geneva for a comprehensive settlement of the Middle East

This is a carefully-calculated

way of putting it. The Americans have no wish to appear to

be advocating a bilateral agreement between Egypt and Israel, for fear that creating such an impression would jeo-

pardize the chances of a comprehensive settlement.

It is, however, perfectly clear that all Middle Easters

ern conflict".



Mr Whitlam launches the Australian Labour Party's election campaign with a speech at the Sydney Opera House.

that he had bought a penthouse

Mr Lynch is recovering from a kidney operation and still has made no statement although it was believed that he had a document detailing his personal

document detailing ms personal firances handed to the Prime Minister today. The affair is unlikely to do the Liberal Party much good.

Since the Liberals gained power it has been Mr Lynch more than anyone else who has appealed to the public to refering from tax evasion and refrain from tax evasion and large wage claims in the interest of improving the coun-Ty's ailing economy. Now it has been clearly displayed that the Treasurer enjoys a life-

diplomacy will be held in sus-pense until the results of President Sadar's visit to Jeru-salem have been assessed. The

Administration and commenta-tors here are filled with

astonished admiration for him.

Richard Davy writes: The Rus-

sians do not seem to approve

of President Sadat's visit.

Pravda writes that although

there are many unclear points

in the Egyptian-Israeli diatogue

one can discern in it the attempts of Tel Aviv and the

forces behind it to urge Egypt on to the road of separate negotiations and deals with Israel."

style of considerable wealth. So Mr Whitlem was able to begin his campaign in an atmosphere of hopefulness. Nothing has yet gone right for the

The middle-of-the-road Australian democrats, who are clearly going to be a considerable force in this election, have already deprived the Liberals of many votes in the Victoria by-election and the Queensland

election. So, although Mr Whislam's speech today might have lacked the excitement of his 1972 campaign, there was an air of confidence, caused more by Liberal Party troubles than Labour

The main thrust of the speech was to outline Labour's policies of restoring the national health scheme, Medibank, to its original form, abolishing payroll tax, and an employment subsidy plan. But perhaps the most important aspect of the speech was Mr Whitlam's avoidance of

was Mr Writtam's avoinance of the word "socialism" and his emphasis on the fact that Labour would not go on a big spending boom. The Labour Party will almost certainly poll much better than was thought at the time of the announcement of the election but Liberal setbacks notwithstanding, it still has a long way to go before being returned to office.

Americans bored by Mafia saga

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ection

From Michael Leapman New York, Nov 17

The latest television ratings indicate a surprising new development in the culture of Americans: they are growing out of their obsession with the Mafia, A nine-hour presentation of The Godfather, the best-selling Mafia novel which was turned into two lucrative films, was watched by considerably fewer people than the National Broadcasting Company, screened it, had hoped.

The television version was aired on four successive nights, and consisted of the two Godfather films plus extra footage which was rescued from the cutring-room floor. NBC had confidently expected that the fourpart series would give them a comfortable lead in the ratings war with the two other pational etworks. Yet the first instalment, last

Saturday, was watered in only 16,300,000 homes—which sounds a lot but put it only thirteenth in the week's ratings. The Sun-day episode did a bit better, climbing to fifth place. All epsides have been accompanied by a pious disclaimer that any offence is meant towards Italian-Americans, from whose ranks the Mafia is largely recruited. The Monday and Tuesday ratings have yet to be released, but it is already clear that, by the competitive standards of American network television, the series was a flop. It did not do nearly as well as last season's Roots, the dramatized version of

black history, nor as well as Washington Behind Closed, Doors, a rictional but realistic account of the events leading: up to Watergate.
What seems to be happening is that American, are losing their fascination with organized crime which, although often lucrative and sometimes deadly, generally buils down to small-time and sleazy infringements

of the law. Instead, they are turning to larger themes like historical crimes against the black people and pervasive cor-Parallel with this is a surge of interest in the fantasies of

outer space, shown in the success of the flims Star Wars and, more recently, Close Encounters of the Third Kind. Street crime, some of it organized by the Mafia, is a part of everyday life in many American cines. The citizens now prefer to escape from it to science fiction or the rarefied atmosphere behind Washington's closed doors.
The Godfather remains popular among certuin elements, however. A group of 75 inmates of a prison in Queens, a borough of New York, have been sentenced to 25 days in solitary confinements.

confinement for refusing to related time on Saturday because there was still an hour of the first episode to go
They were made to miss the final episode while the other

Rhodesia's guerrilla war creates crisis for the mission hospitals

From Our Special

Salisbury, Nov 17 The guerrille war in Rhodesia has created a crisis for the extensive network of mis-sion hospitals and clinics which provide medical care for Africans in rural areas where about four fitths of the popula-

of Rhodesian Church Hospitals, the number of missionary doctors has fallen since last year from 36 to 18. Two were murdered, we were deported and the rest left—because of the war, Sister Margaret Murphy, a representative of the associa-

been found. Eight of the 83 hospitals which these doctors served have to short shortly. More seriously, 10 of the 15 rural medical schools attached to the mission hospitals have also closed. These schools train medical assistants who are responsible for much of the basic health care in rural areas and are considered the backbone of the

resources are already over-stretched by the war. The mission hospitals tend

tion live.
According to the Association

tion, says. Another five are due to leave by the end of this year and no replacements have

In Rhodesia, the mission hospitals have traditionally been responsible for caring for the needs of the majority of the black rural population. The Government operates a number of rural clinics but many of

to be situated in remote parts of the tribal trust lands where

The war between the nationalist guerrillas and Rhodesian troops is most intense. They are far from the main Euro-pean centres and are usually approached by long stretches of dirt road where land mines are a constant danger. The mission doctors have found themselves caught in the

middle. If they assist one side then the other is bound to react.
"Frequently a mission doc

tor is asked to aid a wounded guerrilla. Father Randolph, a Jesuit priest and secretary of the Rhodesian Catholic the Rhodesian Catholic Bishops' Conference, says. "If he refuses he is likely to be shot. But if he provides help the security forces will quickly find out and then he will be charged with assisting tercharged with assisting terrorists. So what can be do?"

The security forces are taking an increasingly hard line
with missions which they suspect of assisting guerrillas.
Two mouths ago the 110-bed
Regina Coeli hospital near the
Mozambique border was closed
by the authorities and all its equipment and furnishings removed after a "contact" there between guerrilles and

But the murder of two mission doctors earlier this year has probably been the single big-

given permission to stay up late to see it through to the end. So crime does not pay. At least, it does not pay at the box office as well as it used to.

Shah joins fight against dearer oil

Washington, Nov 17 The Shah of Iran concluded a three-day visit to the United States last night with a promise to fight for an oil price freeze during the forthcoming round of negotiations among oil pro-ducing countries.

He told a press conference here that he had arrived in wasmigton undeclosed whether oil prices should be increased but after his talks with Presi-dent Carter he had decided to give the United States a

interested in holding down prices, he thought "this atti-tude will prevail" when members of the Organization of Pet-roleum Exporting Countries meet in Caracas, Venezuela, next month.

He confirmed earlier reports from the White House that Mr Carter would look sympatheti-cally at Iranian requests for more armaments, including 140 more armaments, moreouse F16 fighter aircraft and additional rader aircraft,

The Shah's departure last night for Paris was witnessed by busloads of well-wishers who were allowed on the Andrews

Shah protesters were kept away Charles Hargrove writes from Paris: Exceptional precautions have been taken here to protect the Shah who arrived this morning on a private visit dur-ing which he will have two meetings with President Giscard The change in Iran's position on oil prices is partly attributed to a slump in sales but also to a desire on the part of the Shah to conciliare alarm in the United States Congress at the scope of American arms sales his country.
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Britons freed on bail in Madagascar

By a Correspondent Two British salvage experts detained in Madagascar two atleged breaches of state security were released on bail earlier this week.

Mr Steven Kingsley, aged 39, of Longfield, Kent, and Mr Christopher Williams, aged 35, of Chistehurst, Kent, had been held incommicado in the capi-

that a number of French and On October 29 the two men

were charged with having no residence or work permits and with "unlawful use of telecommunications equipment on board ship?. They had been working on a cargo vessel which broke down in the Indian Ocean and had to be towed to the corthern port of Diego Suarez.

Referendum for Banabans

A referendum is to be held to determine the relationship between Ocean Island, home of the Banabans, and the Gibert Islands, and the status of phos-phate revenues, which has been the source of much friction be-

tween the two sides.

The Foreign Office yesterday welcomed the amsourcement of direct talks between the parties and said it would be prepared to abide by the result of such a referendum.

Uganda ban lifted
Nairobi, Nov 17.—The Ugandan Government today lifted the ban on foreign newspapers

Poll shows Americans in two minds over Concorde

From Our Own Correspondent New York, Nov 17 New York, Nov 17

A public opinion poll published today showed that Americans are ambivalent about Concorde. According to the Harris Poll of 1,533 people throughout the country, 42 per cent opposed the decision to allow the Anglo-French supersonic jet to land in the United States, while 36 per cent favoured it. The rest were undecided. decided.

The poll was published less than a week before the first scheduled Concorde flights by British Airways and Air France are due to land at New York's Kennedy Airport.

The belief that Concorde is noisier than other aircraft and puts an unfair burden on people who live near aircraft and puts and aircraft and puts are unfair burden on people

who live near airports was held by 66 per cent of those who answered, with only 17 per cent disagreeing with it.

Those polled were asked whether they thought that Concorde was poorly built, and that America should wait until a better supersonic aircraft was created before allowing landings. Only 21 per cent supported this contention, while 34 per cent opposed it and 45 per cent were undecided.

The view that, now that the courts have given Concorde the go-aheadi-it should be given the chance to prove itself, was sup-

ported by 54 per cent.
Opponents of Concorde who
live near Kennedy Airport are planning to mount another drive in "round its approach roads on Sunday to protest against the decision to allow the airliner to land.

British Airways are installing a new departure and arrival lounge for the use of Concorde passengers at their terminal building at the airport.

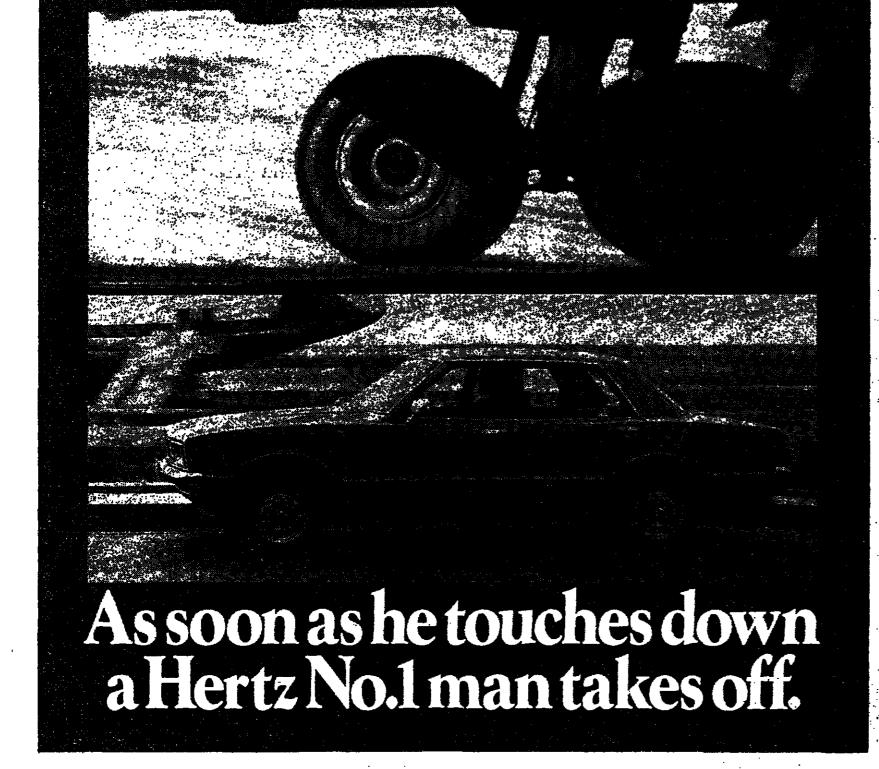
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Party leaders modify policies on Nato and EEC as Greek election campaign reaches climax

Athens, Nov 17

Every night this week Consti-mion Square, the heart of modern Athens, is surrendered to one of the main political parties for its final election campaign rally and a show of strength by thousands of sup-porters before voting on Sun-

day.

This ritual of electioneering is traditional in Greece, but it is rapidly being eroded by the increasing popularity of television in politics. So much so that the enthusiastic, flag-way, the content of the cont ing multitudes now have to be strategically deployed on the source for maximum television

It has been a spirited and exciting campaign all round. It has left the streets of towns and villages littered with tons of multicoloured propaganda leaflets, and their walls thickly coated with layers of superim-posed and retouched portraits of rival candidates.

Above all, the campaign has left the vaciliating voter more muddled than ever. It is, per-bars a blessing that this evotic ritual bars all political activity on Saturday, the eve of polling day, in order to give voters The questions that existed before the campaign began.

remain unanswered:
Will the emergence of the ultra-right National Rally diminish the chances of Mr Karamanis, the Prime Minister, and party, of winning a comfortable than full membership.

majority in the next Parlia-

Which party will come second -Mr George Mayros's moderate and pro-EEC Democratic Centre Union, which has been the main opposition party since 1974, or the Marxist-Socialist Pasok of Mr Andreas Papan-dreou who advocates a nonaligned international posture for Greece?

Television is becoming such an important factor in shaping opinion that after Pasok's very impressive meeting in Salonika was shown narionally, many resentful right-wing defectors from Mr Karamanlis's party hurriedly recauted because of what they saw as a looming threat of Marxism.

Equally important are the shifts in policy that leaders felt compelled to make as the campaign evolved. Mr Mayros who saw that his negative attitude towards Nato was losing him voters on the right, was quick to advocate the need for Greece to remain in the political wing of Nato, as a hedge against an increased role for Turkey in

Mr Papandreou has adjusted several positions to be more reassuring to the non-Marxist votes he hopes to attract from

His negative attitude towards the EEC was changed when he found that the farmers saw the Community as a panacea. He now speaks of a special deal with the Community, rather than full membership.

He also promises a "peaceful and programmed change to socialism " to counter suggessocialism" to counter sugges-tions that Pasok aims at a

Marxist revolution. The most striking change of policy was when Mr Papandreou reassured the military that Pasok did not hold them responsible for the 1967 coup. This was designed to placate the Greek officers who are strongly hostile to Marxism and would certainly react if Pasok

would certainly react if Pasok appeared to be close to power. These moves work both ways. The communist left is already attacking Mr Papandreou for promising the "junta remnants" within the armed forces a virtual amnesty, not unlike the one promised by the junta-sympathizing National Rally. These moves work both ways.

The Moscow-oriented Greek Communist Party, which is running alone and under its own name for the first time since 1936, is out to get as many votes as possible from Mr Papandreon.

One respected psephologist, who refused to venture a direct forecast, told me: "In Greece there are three big pots: one for the right which usually contains 40 per cent of the electrorate one for the centre which torate; one for the centre which houses both Mayros and Papan-dreon with 35; and one on the left with 10 per cent. You can ladle the remaining 15 per cent from one pot to the other, and that is why for the last 30 years the differences in Greek elections have never been specticular." **US** officials arrive in Somalia as Russians go

Mogadishu, Nov 17.-As the exodus of Soviet advisers from Somalia gained momentum, the somana gained momentum, the chairman of the United States House of Representatives armed services committee arrived in Mogadishu today to hear the Somali view of the military situation in the Horn of Africa.

Mr Melvin Price, whose com-mittee's duties include the approval of American arms deals, flew in on a special American government aircraft with seven other Congressmen and an eight-man military party.

including two colonels.

They were driven straight to the residence of President Siad Barre. American diplomatic sources said that they would also meet other Government and military officials and leave Mogadishu tonight for Zambia. Mr Price who has already visited Israel, Egypt and Kenya told reporters on arrival that his primary interest was to know Somalia's view of the

defensive picture around the region. Our Nairobi Correspondent writes: Twelve MPs from Somali-speaking areas of north-ern Kenya met President Kenyata at Nakuru, 100 miles from Nairobi today to assure him that Somalis living in

kenya oppose claims to their areas by Somalia.

President Kenyatta, receiving a report on a recent series of loyalty demonstrations held in northern Kenya, said Kenya would never turneder an inch. would never surrender an inch

Retiring man who made Janata Government tackle the immense problem of rural poverty

Force behind 'Gandhian socialism' human rights

The number of Indian ministers against whom there were no complaints of corrup-tion "could be counted on one's fingertips", according to Mr Charan Singh, the Home Minister.

Such an awkward, uncompromising remark is wholly characteristic of the 70-year-old morth Indian politician who has emerged as the strongest force behind the Janata Party's newly announced economic strategy.
Mr Singh, a retiring man

who only warms when talking about village life, has success-fully insisted that the coalition Government should tackle the irimense problem of rural poverty.

The stock exchanges have reacted negatively to this "Gandhian socialism". Textile shares have fallen particularly

heavily.
The party's new strategy aims

been made against its diplomats in 11 countries by the Anand

Marg religious sect.

The sect—in Sanskrit the name means "path of bliss"—has been blamed for the stabbing in September of an

Indian military attaché in Aus-



Mr Charan Singh: awkward, uncompromising remark.

and to reduce the heavy social cost of India's development. Mr H. M. Patel, the Finance

Interpol alerted about secret Indian sect

Delhi, Nov 17.-India said tralia. An Air India employee juiled for hie for the murder

month.

Attacks on Indian property in Britain have also been blamed on the sect, which seeks the release of Prahbat Ranjan Sarkar, its founder who is a former rail clerk.

Known as Anand Murtili

Known as Anand Murtiji Desai, the Ind (Bliss Personified) he has been Minister.—Reuter.

scale and small industry can be expected. Weaving

present produce only about war over human rights at the 4,000 million yards of cloth annually, while the mills turn in Belgrade. out about 9,000 million yards. Yet to clothe everyone properly in India, an estimated extra the United States chief delegate, was using the rights issue to distract attention police. 11,000 million yards are needed. The Januta policy, however, would gradually reduce the output of the mills to favour handlooms. The danger is that if they do not expand their production of Western countries continued to hamper the work of the con-

There is a fundamental contradiction between Janara's demand that essential commodifies must be weekland formulation of the Helsinki declaration dealing with humanitarian issues. must be produced in sufficient quantities and the decision to switch more resources to cot-tage and rural industry. Mrs Gandhi backed: Suppor-ters of Mrs Gandhi, the former

Prime Minister, said last night they would go ahead with an The party's new strategy aims Minister, has denied that pro-to combat joblessness and the duction of certain consumer attempt to restore her to leader-pointless drift to urban slums, goods would be curbed, but con-ship of the Congress Party.

> letter today from a wing of the Anand Marg. demanding

Mr Sarkar's release, and threatening the life of Mr Desai, the Indian Prime

Pravda upset by West's attitude

Moscow, Nov 17.-Pravda to-Weaving illustrates the day accused some Nato coundilemma. India's handlooms at tries of waging a propaganda

It said that Mr Arthur Gold-

expand their production to hamper the work of the consufficiently, the gap will Three in the air —a reference

"Sensing the weakness of their positions in the conference halls, some members of Nato tried during the past week to halls halfs, some members of Nato tried during the past week in launch a propaganda war in the lobbies. But their dirty trick was condemned by the overwhelming majority of delegations."—Reuter.

Dessa Trevisan writes from Bel-

grade: A file containing documents on illeged violations of human rights in the Soviet Union and other East European countries was today handed over to the Italian delegation. It was brought by Signor replay that it had asked Interool for nelp after threats had been made against its diplomats in 11 countries by the Anand in have also been in 12 countries by the Anand in have also been in Kuala Lumpur received a list of dissident intellectual from the more in the mo lectuals from Poland, Czecho-slovakia, East Germany, Hungary, the Soviet Union and Yugoslavia wao have been re-

fused visas and prevented from attending the Biennale whose theme is cultural dissent.

The counts leading Japan gets American force cuts warning

From Peter Hazelhurst . Tokyo, Nov 17

After hving under America's security umbrella for three deri G. Saint iffe cades, Japan was given two forceful warnings today that the military presence of the United States in Asia is rapidly wanthe Contrasion of the steel of

The first came from Mr Harold Brown, the American Secretary for Defence, who indicated today that the United States might gradually reduce its military strength in the Western Pacific, including Japan, after ground forces are withdrawn from south Korea.

to and dones Mr Brown is reported to have wld a group of visiting Japanese politicians in Washington that Japan must now take steps to increase its own defence potential against submerine and air atracks.

A further blow came from the first that Marila today. Under a new bilareral agreement, Filipino officers will replace American commanders at the naval base at Subic Bay and at Clark Air Force base in the Philippines.

Force base in the Philippines.

The agreement was reached to provide recognition of Philippines sovereignty, when American and Filipino officers convened in Manila yesterday to review the terms of the 30-year-old treaty. The original terms of the treaty allowed America to maintain bases in the Philippines until 1991. However President Marcos is now insisting that the term should be shortened to 1985.

The Filipinos have also insisted that the Americans can operate the bases in future only under the national flag of the Philippines. As a consequence,

Philippines. As a consequence, American commanders cannot now be expected to have effec-tive control over the bases in the event of emergency opera-

ing military presence in Asia appeared to reach a climax when President Carter announced earlier this year that his Administration intended to withdraw 33,000 ground troops

In reality, America has con-sistemly closed its bases and reduced its forces in Asia in the

military strength in Asia extends across the entire region. Japan, America's most impor-

At present 46,000 American

Manila: A senior Philippine

Mr José Diokno, a former Senator said that American military and economic aid to result from the bases agreement, as well as any American security assistance, would propup the Marcos regime and enhance American security in this part of the world.

Mr Diokno, the president o the Civil Liberties Union, told the Foreign Correspondents' Association of the Philippines that he was for the abrogation of the bases agreement with America.—Agence France-

from South Korea.

past five years—before and after the end of the conflict in Vietnam. The decline in America's

japan, America's most impor-tant ally and trading partner in Asia. has also seen a 10 per cent decline in American military power within the last three

officers and men are stationed in 12 large bases on the main islands of Japan and Okinawa. However, their numbers are expected to decrease when one-third of the ground forces on Okinawa begin to rotate be-United States.

Opposition leader today accused the United States of "shoring up the repressive martial law regime" of President Marcos and of intervening in the internal affairs of his country.

In essence, America's declin- Presse.

Vietnam fugitives | Doubts cast on see Australia as only refuge From Our Correspondent

Bangkok, Nov 17

Vietnamese refugees escaping from their homeland by boar now look on Australia as the only country open to them.

Many refugees arriving off Thailand give Australia as their final destination, and ston only

final destination, and stop only to take on fuel, water and food. Some are of Chinese origin and are obviously rich. Their boats are well-equipped and they have good charts.

Their destination would have been Thailand, Malaysia or 50me other part of South-East Asia but now all countries in the area are making it difficult for them to land. They say their only chance of refuge is to reach Australia.

13-day crawl with broken leg

Sydney, Nov 17.-Doubts about a student's story that he had spent 13 days crawling unnoticed along a creek bed in the centre of Sydney with a broken leg were expressed by the police today.

A police spokesman said that several people had come for-ward saying that they had seen Mr Stepheu Sheehy, who is 18, fit and well several miles away, the day after he was supposed to have fallen off his bicycle on a busy road breaking his

-His father said today that his son was still upset by the experience. When he dis-appeared he was worried by coming examinations at a technical college.—Reuter.

Rush to enter university as China reverses policy

From David Bonavia longkong, Nov 17

A rush of school leavers in China applying for university entrance under newly announced procedures is causing

serious problems. Province after province has followed the recent national directive to allow young people to enter university direct from school if they are bright enough. This is a total reversal. of the policy followed since the Cultural Revolution, under which they first had to work on farms or in factories, or

ioin the armed forces. Judging by provincial radio reports, the eagerness of reports, the eagerness of secondary school pupils to go straight to university has led to the unjustified suppression of some applications by local

The screening out of the less

bright applicants at prelimin-ary examinations has been for-bidden as causing "contradic-tions between units". But it seems that no satisfactory means has yet been found to cope with the rush of applicants for the entrance examinations, which are being conducted on a province-by-province basis vince basis.

Certain youths are being e cluded from entrance, which will also cause dissatisfaction. will also cause dissabiliation. Contrary to the policy of the late Mao Tse-tung, farmers' children who intend to return to their villages after graduation are no longer eligible for university education, although they will probably be allowed to go to agricultural colleges.

No provision is being made for students who are not 100 per cent physically fit, so that handicapped youths are barred

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Football

The familiar English bludgeon is replaced by wit and patience

The first person to implore people not to get carried away with England's welcome revival against Italy at Wembley on Wednesday was Ron Greenwood. the temporary manager. Under standably he, perhaps more than anyone, wanted to revel in a little belated glory and in the sounds of sented groy and in the sounds of appreciation that replaced derision, but he knew that many wasted months could not be dismissed in 90 minutes. England have been shown the dismissed in which he had been the sound to be sou shown the direction in which to go and have found someone to lead them, even if it is too late for next summer's World Cup.

In the past few years, many fac-tors have caused England's football poverty. Not all of the blame must be thrown at the departed Don Revie, who made mistakes but was hampered by problems out of his control. Lessons were not taken. Excuses became predict-able, and players lost their conable, and players lost their confidence. They were lamentably misused, being asked to play in styles alien to their proven strengths. The fact that the few players who were capable of directing matches were either temperamentally unsuitable or, in the sad case of Gerry Francis, often unavailable because of injuries, was not overcome by the use of the more traditional strengths. The selections often expounded weaknesses.

use of the more traditional strengths. The selections often expounded weaknesses.

In his short period as temporary manager, Mr Greenwood has mended much of the damage. He began, perhaps unwisely, by attempting to produce immediate improvement by tapping the talents of the Liverpool club. This failed against Switzerland, and, more significantly, in Luxembourg where more goals, combined with Wednesday's 2—0 win, could have put Italy in a much more difficult put Italy in a much more difficult position against Luxembourg on December 3. He admitted this

week that the team he chose to play Italy was the first to reflect his views.

His theme was the use of good club players in their club roles. There was little regimentation because the essence of his philosophy is freedom of movement. This was particularly noticeable in the fine performance of Keegar. his views.

His theme was the use of good club players in their club roles. There was little regimentation because the essence of his philosophy is freedom of movement. This was particularly noticeable in the fine performance of Keegar, who not being role exactly where in the the performance of Keegar, who, not being told exactly where to play, used his considerable natural instinct. Indeed, most of the team played as if released from shackles. Coppell and Barnes were able to show their skills without being tied to rigid plans and both settled to have promising matches.

ing matches.

In praising England for such a refreshing display it would be wrong to forget that the Italians still obtained a satisfactory result and were rarely committed to attack. Nouetheless, their defence found Keegan, Brooking, Barnes and Coppell difficult to subdue, and Coppell difficult to subdue, and were perhaps surprised to discover that whereas in the past England teams had attempted to bludgeon a way through, this time there was wit and patience to combat. There was no mistaking the influence of Mr Greenwood there. Neither is there now any doubt that his temporary position should soon become permanent. He said yesterday that he had asked the Football Association to extend his contract at least until the end of the year.

The FA should not be saved from turning to less stable candidates than Mr Greenwood, who could be asked to work with assistants of his own choice. The list of serious contenders for a position with an as-yet undeclared title can now be reduced to the names of those prepared to work under Mr Greenwood!

title can now be reduced to me names of those prepared to work under Mr Greenwood's overall direction. Doubtless, one or two of the more publicized candidates would not be prepared to accept these terms. The decision may not be known until early in the new

ambition will be to destroy what he described yesterday as the "age old bugbeer" that results count above everything else. He said: "This has been the ruination of English soccer, and the public have been largely to blame for demanding it, but toow they are demanding something better." After last might's World Cup qualifying manches, a total of 11 nations are sure of their places in the finals in Argentina next summer. The 3—1 win over Bulgaria makes France the latest qualifying mann, joining West lady or England (deciding match: ltaly v Luxembourg on December 3), Yugoslavia or Spain (deciding match: November 30 in Yugoslavia), Hungary or Bolivia (deciding match: November 30 in Bolivia), Tunisia or Egypt (deciding matches next month), and finally one from Iran, South Korea, Australia or Kuwait (deciding matches mext month).

Wednesday's results

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Italian papers criticize their team

Rome, Nov 17.—The Italian press today unanimously decried their team's performance in losing 2—0 to England at Wembley. But they took comfort in the fact that Italy need only beat Luxembourg to qualify for the World Cup finals.

Under the banner headline "beaten by fear," Italy's leadsports daily, La Gazzetta Dello Sport, said Italy deserved ing to Argeorina, but Italy had a heavier defeat. Italy "always disappointed in failing to mount left the initiative to England, re-

lying on 'catenaccio' detence without having the players to make it work". La Gazzetta said. "It was a distressing return to an old and regrettable style of play, which in recont times the Italian national side seemed to have discarded."

Turin's La Stampa said the defeat had been "controlled", not jeopardising Italy's chances of go-

slaught. "Ron Greenwood's team crushed us," Rome's II Tempo said. "After the first goal by said. "After the first goal by Keegan we were overcome by the usual fear (of losing). Our passport for Argentias is already stamped, but from tonight there's a stain on it: the defeat at Wembley with which England paid us back in identical currency for the insult they suffered in Rome a year ago," If Tempo said.—Reuter.

Bury give Stokoe chance to start all over again

Bob Stokoe returned to football Bob Stokoe returned to football yesterday as manager of Bury in place of Bob Smith, who was dismissed. Mr Stokoe has been out of a job for 13 months since resigning as manager of Sunderland, whom he steered to an FA Cup final victory and the second division title. More recently his name has been connected with the vacancy at Newcastle United.

It was as a Newcastle United.

It was as a Newcastle Player that Mr Stokoe first attracted Bury's attention. He joined them in 1961 and helped them to gain promo-"I believe the club which gives me the opportunity will be getting a good man. I will always be grateful to Bury for giving me a managerial opening and I wish the club, players and supporters continued success." and helped them to gain promo-tion to the second division. Later in the year he was named as player-manager. His managerial career then took him to Charlton Athletic, Rochdale, Carlisle Unit-ed and Blackpool before he took Synderland back to the first

division.

Mr Smith has been Bury's manager since November, 1973, when he guided them out of the fourth division. But in their past eight games in the third division, Bury have failed to win and have scored only four goals.

Mr Stokoe admitted that he would have liked to achieve his ambition of being given the post at Newcastle. But he was delighted at the prospect of going back to Bury where he had his first experience of football management. to go. Suggestions that I quit Sunderland because of poor

Sunderland because of poor health are ridiculous. I left because the players were not responding and I felt it was in the best interests of the club that I should resign." he guided them out of the fourth division. But in their past eight games in the third division, Bury have falled to win and have scored only four goals.

After saying goodbye to the players, some of whom have been with him throughout his four years at the club, Mr Smith said: "The fact that I have been sacked hasn't really sunk in candidates on a short list they I am distillusioned and, although I have no immediate plans, I

Greenhoff likely to return for United

Manchester United's striker Jimmy Greenhoff is poised to return to first team action after what he describes as "the most disappointing period of my career". A leg injury followed by illness has kept Greenhoff out of United's past seven games, during which they have slipped down the table.

Greenhoff successfully came Greenhoff successfully came through a reserve march last week and said: "I'm fit and available for selection and looking forward to getting back into first team action. Ouce our side is settled I feel we will move up the table." Macari is also fit after

injury and the manager David Sexton picks from a full strength pool for Saturday's home match with Norwich Chy. Ferguson and Holton of Cov-entry City, are doubtful for the home match against Queen's Park During the club's recent trip to

Maita they both did some light training but the manager Gordon Mine may prefer to keep them out of the side until next week. Holton has a hamstring injury and Ferguson a sprained ankle. Meanwhile Coventry's playing success is bringing a ticket sales boom.

Squash rackets

Leslie keeps first place in rankings

Jon Leslie's impressive performance at the recent world amateur championships, in Canada, have helped lifm to retain his top position in the latest British squash rankings. Leslie has remained the number one amateur since last season, when he took over from Ayton who had decided to ease up on his tournaments.

Athletics

Foster has set his sights on four titles next year

metres, will spend the winter pre-paring for a double attack on gold

monwealth Games", he said. Fos-ter was in London to announce details of an international crosscountry race to be run at his own Gateshead club on November 26. The event, sponsored by Schweppes, has attracted a top class field. Dick Quax, the 5,000 metres world record holder from New Zealand, will be making his first cross-country appearance in

Quax leads a strong Rest of the World team that also includes Michael Karst, the World Cup steeplechase champion, from West

Cricket

Decline in county standards | Indians omit feared by Brearley

Michael Brearley, the Middlesex captaln, who will lead the England cricket team in Pakistan and New cricket team in Pakistan and New Zealand tijs wilnter, said yesterday that the overall standard of county cricket will go down if most of the leading overseas players are banned by the Test and County Cricket Board. Brearley, speaking at a sportswriters lunch in London, a week before the England team fly out, said: "For a year it might be pretty interesting with youngsters coming in, and it will be a good English mome, but as far as the standard game, but as far as the standard of cricket is concerned it must

of cricket is concerned it must go down."

Brearley was optimistic about tour prospects this winter. He said: "Although we are without experienced players like Tony Greig and Alan Knott I think our pace attack of Bob Willis, Chris Old, John Lever, Mike Hendrick and Ian Boeham must be the best we have fielded for about 15 years." However he warned that Pakistan, although they had lost five leading players to Kerry five feading players to Kerry Packer like England, had a great reputation for finding young players of Test class. players or rest class.

Brearier said that had he had an approach from Mr Packer last summer: "I would not have dis-

missed it out of hand. Anyone playing Test cricket at that time must have had it in his mind." He said the worrying thing about Mr Packer's matches was how much cricket would have to adopt to television, rather than the other way around. He could not see that television should be able to dictate how the game should be

Breanley, a highly qualified academic, has put no true limit on his stay in the first class game. He said: "When I returned in 1971 I thought I would play for only two or three years, but I am still here and have a benefit next year." What worried him was the ability of the money-making side of cricket to continue to support the three-day game, which although it lost money, was vital for the training of Test cricketers.

Melbourne, Nov 17.-Australia's opening batsman, Ian Davis, who struggled during the summer series against England, cracked a superb 124 during a one-day warm-up match here for 22 of the Kerry Packer players. Davis was play-ing for Ian Chappell's team who beat a side captained by Richie

two of their spin bowlers

Sydney, Nov 17.—The Indian touring team have left our two of their three Test spin bowlers for the four-day match against New South Wales, starting at the Sydney cricket ground tomorrow. The captain and left-arm bowler, Bishen Bedi, will play, but Prasanna and Chandrasekhar have been patted. Both are expected. been rested. Both are expected to play important roles in India's attempt to win the Test series against Australia.
The Australian captain, Bobby
Simpson, will have his first close look at the Indians tomorrow, and this may be the reason they have left two spin bowlers out. Simpson, returning to Test cricket at 41, is a good player of spin, and Bedi is obviously keen not to let the Australian cappain have a long look at Prasanna and Chandrasekhar. sanna and Chandraseknar.

At the Indians' first work-out in Sydney, Bedi said: "We are gradually hitting form and I think you will see an improvement in our batsmen, particularly Viswanath and Patel. We have to improve our fielding also before the tests", he added. Team:

C. Chauhan, M. Amarnath, O. C. Chauhan, M. Amarnath, C. Viswanath, B. Patel, A. Manlad, M. Lal, K. Chavri, S. Venkatzughavan, B. Bedi, D. Venparhar, S. Kirmani, twellth man, B. Reddy.

Rugby Union



Watkinson (centre) forces his way through to score Oxford's second try.

Brave challenge ended by Rees Stanley's soon exerted themselves in the second period when Field churned off a maul, and Anderson, outstanding on a flatik, accelerated powerfully to the corner. Hare could not quite convert this try but had no trouble after the second long-range romp by Rees. This occurred when Thomas scissored with Beyan to establish a ruck for Oxford, which they lost. George flicked out a feed on the short side, and Rees again left everyone standing.

frist-class match this season but they must have given themselves and their supporters considerable heart by a rousing performance at Iffley Road yesterday. By the interval they had built a lead of 15—9, which with any luck might have been substantially more. They fought back, midway through the second half, to 19—19 and it neede the third of three tries for Stanley's by Elgan Rees, the British Lions wing, whose speed was of a different dimension to that of anyone else afield, to cook their goose.

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eir goose. That score by Rees, for which That score by kees, for what he twinkled over from short range, was the least spectacular of his efforts. He ran in the first from the halfway line, and the second from about 70 yards On both from about 70 yards On both occasions he streaked away from the opposition like a classic winner under the whip.

In the end, the University yielded by two goals, a penalty goal and a try to three goals, two penalty goals and a try, and the Cambridge players, who traditionally are invited to watch this game, were left with something to think about.

game, were left with something to think about.

The star-studded visitors for a long time were made to look a scratch combination, with little cohesion or commitment up front and too many forwards a long way from the scene of the action in the loose. But it is proper to concentrate on Oxford's virtues—on their defence, spirit and teamwork overall, and in particular on a fine effort by the pack.

Considering the weight and experience opposed to them they yielded little if anything in the scrummage, produced a fair amount of lineout ball (or spoilt some of their opponents') and developed a useful drive and service at ruck and maul. They were lucky perhaps, in that Fran Cotton feiled to turn up for the opposition. His absence still remained a mystery at the end of the game, and was suggested by Michael Burton that he might have gone to Grange Road by mistake. Cotton's place was taken by Woodhead, a former Oxford Blue.

Bryan marshalled affairs behind the scrummage with a mostly sure touch, all four three-quarters clearly were ready to have a go when opportunity knocked and Thomas, the full back, though he made an error or two in defence, was always contributing willingly to attack. However, if Gareth Davies the Cavifer grand of helf Davies, the Cardiff stand-off half. can prove his fitness at the eleventh hour, Bryan presumably would revert to the middle

would revert to the middle

A discouraging start by the university left them nine points down in not many more minutes. Hare kicked a penalty for a lineout offence and then, from a maul ser up by French on the Stanley's 25, Duckham accelerated clear on the right to provide a nicely-timed pass for Rees.

The right-wing, as if jet-propelled, wrong-footed several would be tacklers with a devastating burst that finished at the post, and Hare converted.

The remainder of the first half post, and Hare converted.

The remainder of the first half belonged conclusively to Oxford. First, Faktor fed Hopkins on the short side of the strummage, the centre cutting inwards before giving an inside pass to the flanker, Morrison, who drove over for a try converted by Watkinson. Then Watkinson landed a good goal from the left after Bennent had been penalized for a deliberate knock on. Shortly before the interval, Morrison and Moir drove through from a lineout and a switch to the left had Watkinson dummying inside, battering through to the line and converting his try himself.

A catalogue of near things for

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A catalogue of near things for Oxford includes two penaldes missed by Watkinson; a burst by their loose forwards of Stanley's sloppy lineout ball, and almost a try for Mitchell from a high pass by Moir; Watkinson all but put over by Bryan at the post; a dropshot from Bryan, and some beavering by Faktor behind a lineout that was the remolecal.

No reason why Pullin should not play on John Pullin, England's former captain whose career has been in laif for their march at Covenity, doubt after a series of knee injuries, will make another comeback to first class club rugby when Bristol travel to Old Deer Park to meet London Welsh tomorrow. He replaces Whittle, the Somerset hooker, who is out with a broken nose. Pullin has been assured by a specialist that there is no reason why he should not consistent playing.

Bath bring back Cleaton at scrum half for their march at Covenity. After playing for sometime that for their march at covenity. After playing for the second team but this week, end is preferred to Murphy as partner to Horton.

Clifton's scrum half, Cannon, who ruptured a leg muscle in training this week, will be out for a month. His injury means that for their march at covenity.

is no reason why he should not continue playing.

Bristol are strengthened by the return of four county players, including their captain, Rafter, They have also recruited Newman, a Somerset winger from Bridgwater, who plays for Bristol United at Gloucester's freedom from county home to London Welsh Druids. Gloucester's freedom from county home to London Welsh Druids. Strond welcome back mer two
Gloucestershire replacements,
Troit and Turton, for their away
game with Walsall. They replace
Kocrian and Price, and Cribble
takes over from Acock. Lydney
make two changes in their side
for the journey to Treflegar. resen tomorrow week.

It is irrouic that on one of the rare occasions this season that Gloucester's freedom from county commitments enables them to field

Tennis

Ramirez sorts out his old partner from LA

By Rex Bellamy

Tennis Correspondent Termis Correspondent
Four years ago Southern
California University, at Los
Angeles, sorted out a doubles pair
who served them well and achieved
a modest, fleezing renown. Then
Raul Ramirez, from Mexico, and
Michael Machette, a Californian, Michael Machette, a Cantorman, went their separate ways. Brian Cottfred—who came from the east coast but was then graduating to the tennis circuit from Trinity University, Texas—turned out to be an even better partner for Ramirez. They have become one of the most consistently successful reams in the modern game. As teams in the modern game. As they are also among the seven leading singles players, this it remarkable testimony to their zest or tennis and capacity for work. Ramirez and Machette went on court together again in the Ben-son and Hedges tournament at Wembley yesterday. But this time Wembley yesterday. But this time they stood face to face instead of shoulder to shoulder. Gottfried and Ramires beat Machiette and Byron Bertram 3—6, 6—4, 6—3 to advance to the semi-final round. The other end of the draw has produced some thrilling doubles. But Robert Lutz and Stan Smith, who were seeded to reach the final, have withdrawn.

They were supposed to play a

gramme. The nournament committee accepted responsibility for the
misunderstanding and, instead of
imposing a disqualification, rearranged the match for yesterday.
But this could have involved
another American, Bill Martin,
in an unreasonably arduous stint
of singles and doubles. So Smith
did the decent thing and scratched.
He was grateful, he said, for
having been given the benefit of
the doubt. But in recent years
players had taken an increasingly

professional attitude towards their responsibilities. It was up to the players to know when they were due on court; and to be there on time. He felt it would be a backward step were he allowed to play. Smith's decision considerably weakened the bottom half of the draw. But he did the right thing. draw. But he did the right thing. In the singles Bjorn Borg, who has not been beaten sluce the United States championships two months ago, had a 6—2, 6—3 win over Andrew Partison. The tall Rhodesian broke service to lead 2—0 in the second set, but, after that, could not play well enough to consolidate his advantage. Borg, he said, could stand at the back and raily all day. "He doesn't serve and volley. He makes his opponent take the initiative—and he's always ready for a huge counter-attack."

The most difficult thing, Pattison said, was the continuous top-spin. This was a nuisance when volleying or when coming in on a short ball. "It's difficult to time the ball when coming in But it's the only way to play the guy. You have to attack—unless you have a super back-court game, which I baven't."

Borg's next opponent will be Roy Moore, who beat him in Philadelphia last January. Yesterday Moore beat Ove Bengtson 6—3, 6—4. This was a catchweight contest in which the big chap was teased and nagged to defeat by a purick-witzed opponent who always. quick-witted opponent who always

Miss Stove wins easily

were not done for. Moir cleaved through from a packed penalty and then, having sent Hoolahan clear on the right, accepted a return pass, put his head down and his knees up, and completed the assault course with an imposing drive over the last 20 yards.

A draw, on the run of play, was no less than Oxford deserved, but Sydney, Nov 17.—Betty Stove the officials. Yesterday Britain's of the Netherlands, beaten finalist Susan Barker, the number one in this year's Wimbledon women's seed, had to withdraw with a leg singles, cruised through to the inter-wendy Turnbull of Australia, wendy Turnbull of Australia. A draw, on the run of play, was a no less than Oxford deserved, but with 10 minutes to go a switch of direction by Stanley's gave Duckham his chance to dumny and sidestep through the middle. Burton and Field supported him, and Rees was over in a flash. Hare kicked a spiendid goal and then, on the stroke of time, scored a simple penalty when Light, the Oxford hooker, had offended at a ruck in front of his own posts.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY: A, Thomas quarter-inal round of the inter-national tennis tournament, spon-sored by Colgate, here today. Miss Stove, seeded number two, defeated Helen Cawley of Aus-tralia, 6—4, 6—3 and a former Wimbledon champion, Evonne Cawley, beat a fellow Australian, Pam Whytcross, 6—3, 6—2. It was another troubled day for OXFORD UNIVERSITY A. Thomas (Cobion's, Eristoi and Kobio); "D. C. Willis (Hoberdashers Aske's and Worcester). A. Walkinson (Beimont Abbey and St. Edmund Edl.). K. hopkins (Massier Comprehensive and St. Edmund Edl.). S. Edmund Hall). S. Edmund Edl. (Edward Coll.). S. Edmund Edl. (Edward Coll.). S. Edmund Edl. (Edward Edl.). S. Edmund Hall). S. Falking (Edward School and University); "E. C. Horne (Emanuel and Josus). B. Light 'The Lewis School and University) and St. Edmund, Hall). "T. P. Enevoldson (RGS. Newcestle and Brasenose). "R. G. Robinson (Oundie and Lincoln). "R. Budge (Rossell and University). D. Mitchell (University of Cape Yorn and St. Catterines). M. Motr (Ampleforth and Lincoln). "A. Mostrison (Felstead and Circle)."

injury and today the fifth seed. Wendy Turnbull of Australia, pulled out with food poisoning. SECOND ROUND RESULTS (Austrian unless stated): Miss Botty Sior (Notherlands) bail Mrs Cawley. 6—3: Mrs E. Cawley beat Miss F thytroxs. 6—3: 6—2 Miss E thytroxs. 6—3: 6—2 Miss E Streems 5 Africal beat Miss E Streems 15 Africal beat Miss E Reid beat Miss F. Durr France 6—0. 6—1: Miss F. Durr France 6—0. 6—1: Miss F. Tergalarden (1% v. o Miss W. Turnbull: Miss D. From holz boat Miss R. Tomanova (Czeche slovakia), 6—0. 6—1.—Reuter.

Golf

N Zealander takes lead in Australian Open

Sydney, Nov 17.—John Lister, of New Zealand, took the first round lead with a two-under par 70 in the Australian Open golf championship here today. The first round ended with rain drenching the last group of players as they with a 76. Sydney, Nov 17.—John Lister, or New Zealand, took the first round lead with a two-under par 70 in the Australian Open golf cham-pionship here today. The first round ended with rain drenching the last group of players as they completed the final holes in near darkness.

The tall New Zealander, twice winner of his home country's PGA title and a tournament in the United States last year, had five birdles in his round. He finished and Jack Newton, and Eddie Nival, of the Philippines. Nival, who was ordered home for World Cup practice after a

for World Cap practice after a disappointing six weeks in Australia, would have been back in Manila but for Typhoon Kim, which forced cancellation of the flight he wanted to catch on Monday.

Jack Nicklaus, six times winner of the Australian Open, finished seven strokes behind Lister after a disastrous round on the course

a disastrous round on the course he helped redesign at a cost of \$A1.2m. "My putning was atrocious", Nickiaus said, pointing to his score card which showed he had three-putted four times on the front nine.

Miller Barber, of the United States, tumbled to an 80 and later complained that the course, much of it built only nine months

January, the lean ambling Texan who turns 48 on Sunday, was unlucky not to at least share the lead, but he three-putted three times over the last five holes, January racked up six birdies, including three in the opening five holes.

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Today's fixtures

How Thompson and Maxwell can earn a combined \$2m a year with a little help from the Russians

Climbing the highest mountain to Aladdin's Cave By John Hennessy

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Warren Maxwell and Janet
Thompson will be defending their
British ice dance champjonship
romorrow. It is as near to a foregone conclusion as is possible in
sport, since they now rank second
only to Andrei Minenkov and
Irina Moiseyeva. of the Soviet
Union, in the world. The speciators at Notdingham, therefore, will
be looking not for the winners but
for that him of higher achievement that might lift the British
champions on to the centre of the
podium of the European
championships at Strasbourg in
February and, more significantly,
the world championships at
Outswa in March.
On the face of it, their task is
formidable, for the Minenkovs
(they are now married) were convincing winners of the world the
in Tokyo last March. Ordinarily
speaking, the shot is just not on
the board, but extraordinary things
are afoot, as I shall hope to
explain.

It would be hard to find a
couple more deserving of success
than the Britons, because of both
their personable characters and
their dedication, often in disagreeable circumstances long before
The Times rottles the letter box

their personable characters and their dedication, often in disagreeable circumstances long before The Times rottles the letter box and the milk hits the doorstep. Miss Thompson, as relevision ice watchers will recall, is a bradle of fun on the ice, with a smille that threatens damage to both ears; off the ice she is reserved, almost shy, but no less stimmingly attractive. Maxwell carries his self-confidence on the ice into his private persona, but in a way that is totally devoid of conceit or arrogance. He is thoughtful and articulate, the rare kind of sportsman who will discuss one's "prose style" (his expression). They are virtually brother and sister (he 24, she 21). He has lived with the Thompsons ever since his parents came here from New Zealand for a three mouths' holiday in 1968 and went home without their son a year later. By then his enthusiasm for skating, nurtured first in the New Zealand southern Alps and later at an indoor rink in Caristchurch, had taken him to Richmond,

pionship in 1970 and have progressed year by exciting year to the point where they are now within one rung of the top of the international ladder.

Caven the Alaidin's Cave that is open to the top skaters these days, particularly if they are lucky enough to look like Jamet Thompson and Warren Maxwell, a lucrative future lies shead when they decide to turn professional, though it would be improper to dig too deep into their imermost thoughts for fear of alienating officials of the International Skating Union (ISU) or the international Olympic Committee. There is no doubt, however, that a fortune could be theirs if they could somehow pull off the Olympic title at Lake Placid (New York State) in 1980. Another Fleet Street newshawk and I have put our heads together and reached the combined fee of 52m a year, supposing their desire lay in that direction.

The rewards would not be easily gained. They are on the ice every day except Sonday from 5.30 to 8.15 in the morning under the eye of Gladys Hogg ("We owe everything to her") and then from 9.30 to midday. There is then a half-hour of running in Hyde Park and an afternoon at work, she in a department store, he in a benting shop. Nor is that Hyde Park and an atternoon at work, she in a department store, he in a beging shop. Nor is that all, for often they will spend at hour in the evening, from six to seven, at the Dance Centre at Covent Garden. The rest of the day, as my old grandmother used to say, is their own, before bed finally claims them at about nine. Only the Minenkovs, it seems, now stand in their way, but it is Only the Minenkovs, it seems, now stand in their way, but it is a big "only". The measure of the mountain they have still to climb is that all nine judges blaced the Russians first in the world championships this year. In order to overtual them, the Britons would have had to gain 0.2 of a mark according to two judges, 0.4 according to one, 0.6 according to

another and 0.8 according to a fifth. Short of the newly-married Miss Moiseyeva bungling the pills on her dressing table, you might think the Russians' position invulnerable, but the peculiarities of this season are worth studying in greater depth. this season are worth studying in greater depth.

In the first place there is no Russian judge on the panel, because the ISU have become so disturbed by persistent national bias shown by the Minenkovs' comparitots that they have been banned altogether this year. In a perfect world this would be of no consequence but in an imperfect one it has to be recognized that judges tend to favour their own kind, none more so than the Russians. The Minenkovs, then, will have lost one devotee.

Second, taking the same Second, taking the same cyulcal, or realistic, view of judging, it is of some consequence that neither the Americans nor the Canadians have any worth-while challengers this year and their sympathies tend to lie with the British. The Atlantic does not present any gulf in comparative styles and techniques.

Thirdly, the Minenkovs have been warned about the scant regard they pay to the laws and spirit of ice dancing, book in their free programme (the one shown on television) and in the original set pattern dance, an entirely new sequence set to established music, Miss Moiseyeva, particularly, and her husband established music. Miss Moiseyeva, particularly, and her husband belong by instinct to the Bolshoi rather than the palais de dance and one would sometimes be pressed to deduce what dance pressed to deduce what dance they were performing were the massic not there to inform us. C'est magnifique, mais.

Fourthly, Miss Thompson and Maxwall are on a rising tide. They have now established themselves, for the first time, as leading contenders. Rightly or wrongly, this is worth marks in the computer even before they put blade to ice.

Finally, they are helped by the original set pattern element at Strasbourg and Ottawa, since they are at home with this season's choice, the paso dobie, whereas the Russians may find it difficult, comparatively speaking, to adapt



The partnership that could be smiling all the way to the bank

their balletic style. Maxwell is convinced that he and Miss yet to be proved and no amount frompson are the best compulsory dancers in the world today. If they can also pull off the paso doble, he argues, they must be in with a chance. He concedes that, warned or no, the todance will win the free dance.

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Boxing

Jim Watt, of Glasgow, came back to his happy hunning ground at the Midlands Sporting Club, Schhull, on Wednesday night to retain the European lightweight title by stopping Geronimo Lucas, the Spanish champion, in the tenth round.

Midnight Court to give evidence of potential at Ascot

rat: today.

STATE OF GOING (official): Ascot.

Good. Newcastle: Good to firm.

The top weight, Ghost Writer, Toundrow: Warwick: Good to soft.

Ascot programme

[Television (BBC2): 1.35, 2.5, 2.35 and 3.5 races]

1.35 HURST PARK STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £1,688: 2m)

2.5 CHARLES DAVIS STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £1,987: 2m) 303 113270 Julian Swiii, D. Morley, 7:132-0 ... B. B. Davies 503 34-4134 Humber Engaged (B), F. Walwyn, 9:11-6 ... W. Smith 507 22-2122 The Susdance Kid (O), Thomson Jones, 10-10-12 S. Smith Scries 509 2340-22 indebinably J. Baker, 6-10-10 June, 10-10-12 S. Smith Scries 509 2340-22 indebinably J. Baker, 6-10-10 June, 10-10-12 S. May 10 9-2214 Major Owen (D), P. Calver, 8-10-6 ... A. Webber, 511 10001-3 Moon Star (D), R. Turnell, S-10-4 ... S. C. Knight

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3.5 KIRK AND KIRK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £2,435: 3m)

6-1 Midnight Court, 9-3 Approaching, 5-1 My Friendly Cousin, 6-1 Ghost Writer, 8-1 Dawn Breaker, 10-1 Vulabeloo, 16-1 others.

3-1 Sallyfin Lake, 7-3 Hard Attack, 11-2 Sweet September, 6-1 Virgin Stave, 8-1 The Hand, 10-1 Grand Trianon, 14-1 Lastful Lady, 20-1 Tackling, 25-1 others.

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TOTE: Win, 48p; dusi forcast, 34p,
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2.30 (2.32) HOUNSLOW HURDLE (Bandlesp: £638: 3m)

Motor racing

3.40 BINGLEY HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £1,191: 2m)

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2.35 KIRK AND KIRK HURDLE (£1,657 : 2½m)



Zellaman wins the Hounslow Hurdle easily at Kempton Park yesterday.

All overshadowed by Tiepolino

By Michael Seely
On a quier afternoon at Kempton Park yesterday, Tiepolino's victory in the Richmond Novices' Steeplechase was by far the most significant performance. Ridden by his owner, George Sloan, Trepolino, a five-year-old, gave an immaculate display of fencing. Be drew clear with Sunrise Hill soon after halfway and sprinted clean away in the smaight to win by seven lengths, with Heidelberg 15 lengths away third.

Because his owner was in the saddle instead of the stable jockey, Bob Champion, Tiepolino started at the generous odds of 9-4. But Mr Sloan, an American, is an underestimated rider. He sits well on his horses, presents them correctly at their fences and lacks nothing in courage, as he showed when stealing the inside off Jeff King four fences from home. He is making a determined assault on the amateurs' championship

Josh Gifford was naturally championship

Josh Gifford was naturally
thrilled by Tiepolino's success.

"It's a most extraordinary
thing," the trainer said. "Tiepolino's career is running
parallel to that of his old rival,
Havanus. Both horses lost their
form last season after being

Newcastle programme

12.45 FELTON HURDLE (Div I: Novices: £480: 2jm)

2 000-10 Sefby, M. H. Easterby, 4-11.5

7 00200-2 Good Job. J. W. Walts, 5-11-0

9 0420-20 Moorside, T. Barnos, 6-11-0

13 046 Sancy Roview, A. Bacon, 5-11-0

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5 300040 Airparts Flyer, S. Norice, 4-10-10

16 00-1670 Monrolly, 10-10 Mills, 10-10 Mil

1.45 PONTELAND HURDLE (Handicap: £878: 21m)

2.15 BOLAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £839: 3m)

3.15 FELTON HURDLE (Div II : Novices : £476 : 24m)

Newcastle selections

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W. Smith 19-21 1
Jan Striver R. Rowe (7-2) 2
Rod Ambion . G. Gracey (12-1) 3
ALSO RAN; 2-1 fav Easy Commission, 4-1 Light Infantry (4th, 25-1
Bishops Grook. SO-1 Spray of Gold

TOTE: Win, 68p; places, 16p, 19p; all forocast, 77p, F. Waiwyn, all ambourn, 12l, 1_pj,

5.0 (5.2) RICHMOND STEEPLECHASE (£633: 2m 170md)

Ascot selections

1.15 GOSFORTH PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £790:

9 123001 Filipser, J. Biogham, 8-10-5 J. McLooshim 7
10 01023 The Tinker, B. Wikinson, 6-10-4 J. B. C. Hawkins
13 0300-32 Pestagon, B. Wikinson, 6-10-0 S. Charlton 5
14 0-00003 Meliys Bass, H. Collingridge, 5-10-0 J. J. O'Nelli
12-10 Father Delancy, 4-1 Silent Velboy, 6-1 Meliys Beau. 8-1 Fair Kitty,
12-1 Pantagon, The Timor, 13-1 Another Captain, Filiper.

2.45 CHATTON STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £611: 2m 120yd)

1 3000-11 King Wessel, M. H. Easterby, 6-12-4 J. J. O'Neill 4 02-002-1 Young Thomas, J. Turner, 7-11-15 K. McCauley 5 4221-33 Cask and Class, W. A. Signhenson, 6-11-8 G. Fackings 12 G-p Slipped Halo, F. Walton, 5-11-8 Mr. J. Walton 8-11 King Wessel, 5-2 Young Thomas, 4-1 Cask and Glass, 20-1 Slipped Halo.

3 600- Ballymaid, D. Furryth, 6-11-0 ... D. Graves
6 00-1 Sallymaid, D. Furryth, 6-11-0 ... D. Graves
6 00-43 Cortson Lass, 6, Richards, 5-11-0 ... Enowaless 3
7 000-00 Crossrah, F. Walton, 6-11-0 ... Mr I. Walton 7
8 003 Cross Walt, W. A. Stophenson, 7-11-0 ... E. Burns 7
9 0 Sarly Toss, A. Bacon, 5-11-0 ... J. J. O'Noill
11 00-00 Sarly Toss, A. Bacon, 5-11-0 ... F. R. Lamb
12 00 Libert, J. Filtzgerid, 6-11-0 ... P. Molinian 10 00 D. M. Stophenson, 7-11-0 ... P. Molinian 10 00 D. M. Stophenson, 7-11-0 ... P. Molinian 10 00 D. M. Stophenson, 5-11-0 ... R. Barry 1-10 Corston Lass, 15-8 Philip Groen, 9-2-Sen Solomon, 12-1 Early Toss.
16-1 others.

* Doubtful runger.

By Our Racing Staff
12.45 Good Job. 1.15 Arctic Challenge. 1.45 Father Delancy. 2.15 Brown
Barman. 2.45 King Weasil. 3.15 Philip Green.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.45 Molly's Beau.

By Our Racing Staft
1.0 Ramrod. 1.35 Havanus. 2.5 Neon Star. 2.35 Dramatist. 3.5
MIDNIGHT COURT is specially recommended. 3.40 Ballyfin Lake.
By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.0 Farouk. 1.35 Havanus. 2.5 Julian Swift. 2.35 John Cherry. 3.40
Gamling Dice.

gelded. And now they are both coming good at the same time."
There are no special plans for Tiepolino, other than to win more races. Incidentally he paid a compliment to The Dealer yesterday. Tiepolino finished second to Trustful at Folkestone last time out and, on Wednesday, The Dealer had Trustful beaten when he collapsed at the third fence from home.

It was Gifford's 24th victory of the season and he is duelling for the lead with Arthur Stephenson who is blazing a successful trail in the north of England. His afternoon started in good style when Royal Judgement had no difficulty in landing the odds of 11-8 in the first division of the Vauxhall Novices' Hurdle.

Royal Judgement was enterprisingly ridden by Richard Rowe, aged 18. Apparently, Lady Rootes' gelding shows signs of temperament at home and has been known to rear up and fall over backwards on the road in Sussex. As Rowe looks after him at Findon, Gifford suggested to Lady Rootes that the boy should have the mount in his first race.

Yesterday's victory was the second that the pair have achieved together. Gifford failed to land

his anticipated treble when Legal Branch finished unplaced behind Live Spark in the second division of the Novices' Hurdle. Similarly, Tim Forster enjoyed mixed fortunes.

Although Toy Flag experienced no difficulty in scoring at Stratford-on-Avon, Hamswell, the 6-5 favourite for the Cottage Rake Handicap Steeplechase, went lame and was pulled up aproaching the fifth fence from home. It left the way open for Brown Admiral to beat his remaining opponent, King Shaw, with some ease.

Fred Rimell said that Brown Admiral, who fell in last spring's Grand National, was operated on at the end of the season for a soft palate by Geoffrey Braine, who is the leading expert on respiratory problems in the country. If all goes well, Brown Admiral, Henry Zeisel's eight-year-old, will return to Aintree next April.

It was good to see Zellaman run out an easy winner of the Hourslow Handicap Hurdle. His owners deserve a reward for their patience. When Zellaman scored at Nortingham in October, it was his first success since the 1974-75 season. During that period he had run 26 times.

1.15 (1.19) SOUTHERN HURDLE (Div I: Part II), Unusual K. Whyte (25-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 6-4 lav Scraphfor (4th), 10-1 Marchant Tubes, 16-1 Captured Again, 20-1 Freshight, Pennino Derot, 5-1 Bine Twin, Gail Pennyuan 191, Kingston Padre (1), 11 rais, TOTE: Wan, 31p; places, 15p, 19p, 11p; dual forecast, 88p. P. Calver, at Airceford, 11, 31. 1.45 (1.46) LOXLEY STEEPLECHASE (Handigan: £658: 2m)

For Run, Ch C. by Clear Run-forfight Fancy (M. Creaswell) 6-11-9 . R. . C. Shulth (5-11 7 Met Lighthy . . . C. Thorner (B-11 3 Met Lighthy Thorner (B-11 3 ALSO RAN: 11-2 Mr Moke (f). 11-1 Brandy Fare (p), 14-1 Galloway Edi-lion, 20-1 Christmas Comet (4th). Holly Park, 53-1 Takasaki, Madison (n). 10 rap. (pr. 10 rap, TOTE: Win. 48p: places, 17p, 11p, 16p: dual forecast, 45p. M. Tale, at Kidderminster. 6l, 4l.

3.45 (3.46) HAWKES BAY STEEPLE CHASE (Bandicing; £820; 314m) CMASE (Hannich): EE20; 3-,m1
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Doil Fair (Mrs G. Lugg), 10-11-0
G. Thomser (10-11 fay 1
Red Trump ... A. Webber (33-1) 2
Entlygarun Brook
1. Walkinson (11-1) 3
ALSO RAN: 100-30 Valiana Express
(4th), 12-1 Widden Hill, 50-1 Foresall.
6 mm. TOTE.—win, 18p; places, 11p, 19p dnal forecast, \$22,50. T. Forster, at wantage. 6i, 2i. Wantage. 6i. 2i.

3.15 (3.20) WARRWAMBOOL HURDLE (Handkeap: £356: 2m)

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Edd Pass ... F. Bronnai (4-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 far Moninge (f., 7-1 Binden Talent, 15-2 Raibree, 24h, 3-1 Great Hunt, 16-1 Jack Jiege 4th, 35-1 Lanibus, Proteen Ping, Merry

Legs, Indian Scholar, 13 ran.

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Legs, inman scholar, 12 fan. TOTE.—Win, 80p; places, 26p, 21p, 24p; fual forcest, 21l. P. Arthur, at Asian Throid, 11, 81. 3.45 (3.48) SOUTHERN CROSS HURDLE (DIV U: 3-y-o hovices: £356; 2m; by Rusantine—May-bells (Major N. Mertin) 10-4; 11 femiles (Major N. Mertin)

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TOTE: Win, 25p: places, 11p. 21p.
24p: dual forecast, 62p. M. Gorwell,
at Epsom, 21, 71.

TOTE: DOUBLE: Brown Admiral,
Trepolitio, 218.75. TREBLE: Master H.,
20laman, Live Spark, 213.75. JACKPOT: £284.10 (five winning tickets). Show jumping

their lead

Law Report November 17 1977

Court of Appeal

Does Domestic Violence Act protect unmarried women?

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Sir George Baker, President of the Family Division, Lord Instice Goff, Lord Instice Shaw and Lord Justice Cumming

A Court of Appeal of five members began hearing an appeal construction of the Domestic Violence and Maprimonial Proand came imo force on June 1,

It is believed to be the first time that the President of the Family Division, previously the Probate, Divorce and Admiralty Division, has sat in a court

the Rolls.

The appeal was by Miss Jennifer Theresa Davis, aged 21, a West Indian, Johnson, a West Indian, Johnson, a West Indian, aged 42, the father of her 21-year-old child, of council premises in Homerton High Road. Hackney, against an order of Judge Bernard Lewis at Brentford County Court on October 25 rescinding that part of an order of deputy Judge Paulusz at the same court on October 18 which ordered Mr Johnson to vacate the premises and not return thereto. The deputy judge also ordered him not to assault, molest or otherwise interfere with Miss Davis and the child, and that a copy of his order be served on the chief police officer at Hackney publice station.

Mr Johnson is now in the

wives' home at Chiswick.

Section 1 of the Act provides:

"(1) Without prejudice to the jurisdiction of the High Court, on an application by a party to a marriage a county court shall have jurisdiction to grant an injuction containing one or more of the following provisions, namely,—(a) a provision restraining the other party to the marriage frum molesting the applicant; (b) a provision restraining the other party from molesting a child living with the applicant; (c) a provision excluding the other party from the matrimonial home or a part of the matrimonial home or from a specified area in which the matrimonial home is included; ... whether or mot any chieded; . . . whether or mot any other relief is sought in the proceedings. (2) Subsection (1) above shall apply to a man and a woman who are living with each other in the same household as husband and wife as it applies to the president of a manifest to a manifest of a manifest o

Mr James Comyn, QC, with Miss Judith Porker for Miss Davis, said that the case was urgent and of great importance to people who lived together without being married and whose accommodation was in jeopardy. It had been

assumed that the Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act would give unmarried persons substantially the same protection as spouses in relation to "the matrimonial home": but two recent Court of Appeal decisions on the Act—B v B (Lord Justice Megaw, Lord Justice Bridge and Lord Justice Bridge and Lord Justice Bridge and Lord Justice Mallet! (The Times October 14), and Cantilif v Jenkins (Lord Justice Goff: I am not sure about that. When the whole case was the construction of the Times, October 25) had given rise to serious difficulties in the courts in throughout the country over administering the Act.

and in the present case snown.

There was no merit in being wrong. If their Lordships found that the Act was not merely ingo reviewing previous decisions, they could reach another councilion. Act and the decision by two other courts is that it has a certain the serious difficulties in the courts in gon us?

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In B v B [where unmarried persons had lived tugether as man and wife and had two children, tho man being at all material times the tenant of the house! all three Lords Justices had held that sections the second of the lord of th

tenant of the house! all three Lords Justices had held that section! I was a procedural provision only, enabling the county court to gram an injunction excluding a party from the "marrimonial home" and did not after the substantive law; and that rights of property were of such fundamental importance that the court could not interrefere with them unless the Act by its provisions showed plainly that they were meant to do so. They had allowed an appeal by the man, Mr B, from the county court judge's order that he be required to vacate the wemise, where at the time of her application for an injunction, inter application for an injunction, inter application for an injunction inter alia, against molesting her or the children, they were living.

In construing section! that court had concluded that under it a person who had a right of property in the premises could not be ousted from them. If that startling conclusion was right it was artificial, inhumane, and left section! meaningless so far as it concerned people who were not

was artificial, inhumane, and left section I meaningles; so far as it concerned people who were not husband and wife. Where people were living together as if they were man and wife the Act intended that they should have a right to go to the county court and ask for an injunction to turn the other party out and leave them in.

The Master of the Rolls: I should have thought it was intended to affect substantive rights. Counsel sald that in Cantiff of Jenkins, where there had been lying, the court of Appeal said that the yeard of the man and woman and children had been living, the Court of Appeal said that they could not distinguish B v B, which bound them, and that if they had not been bound they would have found in the same way, namely, that the man could return to the house and that the Act did not help at all on property rights questions in the case of persons who were not husband and wife. Lord Justice Stamp said that the Act conferred no new right.

question was whether a Court of Appeal of three or five or seven or more could override itself. He would boldly say that it could

struction of a new Act was wrong it could surely be put right, it did not blad the court in per-Lord Justice Cumming Bruce : This is not a very long perpetuity.

The Master of the Rolls: If an Act is just born it is very different. from the case where the Act has been in force for a long time. If this section is procedural only, subsection (2) will have no effect at all. Very few of these unmarried women have any property

there would be chaos throughout the country.

The Master of the Rolls: I would not like to concede that a court of five has not more authority than one of three. That is why we were specially constituted—to deal with an urgent problem. Such a court should be regarded as having a special authority.

Lord Justice Shaw: One difference is that in criminal cases there is only one party—the accused. In civil cases you have two parties, where one may suffer and the other gain.

Counset said that a mystique had grown up that the Court of Appeal was binding on itself, but there was no such rule of law and exceptions to the tradition had grown up.

The Master of the Rolls: I am wondering whether the present category of case may not be a new exception—where an Act appears to have been passed for the protection of the unmarried person it may be similar to the criminal cases.

Counsel said that the only other course was an appeal to the tents entitled on the continual cases.

Counsel said that the only other course was an appeal to the House of Lords and that took such a time. The House could not catch up with the day-to-day problems of such a vital subject as accommodation. If the Court did not allow the present appeal and the House granted leave to appeal, the hearing might not be till next May or June.

The hearing was adjourned.

Unfit house: council's procedure wrong

Victoria Square Property Co Ltd v Southwark London Borough Council

Before Lord Justice Megaw, Lord Justice Bridge and Lord Justice Waller

The compulsory purchase procedure under section 17(2) of the Housing Act, 1957, is imappropriate where the intention of the local authority is to obtain a permanent addition to their housing

local aumority is to obtain a permanent addition to their housing stock. The Court of Appeal, in reserved judgments, dismissed an appeal by Sonthwark London Borough Council from Judge McDonnell, at Lambeth County Court in May, who allowed an appeal by the owners of a house in Landell's Road, Dulwich, against the council's purchase norice.

Section 17(2) provides: "Where a local authority would under the foregoing subsection be required to make a demolition or closing order in respect of a house [unfit for human habitation] they may, if it appears to them that the house is or can be rendered capable of providing accommodation which is adequate for the time being, purchase the house instead of making a domolition or closing order."

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, and

Mr Anthony Scrivener, QC, and Mr William Birtles for the coun-cil; Mr Richard Fawls for the owners.

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LORD JUSTICE BRIDGE said that Part II of the 1937 Act, headed "Provisions for Securing the Repair, Maintenance and Santary Conditions of Houses" imposed on a local authority a statutory obligation to deal with houses unfit for human habitation in one of two ways. The first procedure was in sections 9 to 15, headed "Unfit premises capable of repair at reasonable cost". It might be called the rehabilitation procedure, since the object was that houses to which it was applied should be repaired to the appropriate standard of fitness for human habitation. The alternative procedure was in sections 16 to 32 "Unfit premises beyond repair at reasonable cost". That might be called the demolition procedure, since demolition of the unfit houses would be the normal end result.

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owners a notice under section 9 requiring them to carry out extenrequiring them to carry out exten-sive works. The owners success-fully appealed to the county court on the ground, inter alla, that the house was not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense. The council then decided to proceed by way of acquisition under sec-tion 12 and themselves to carry out the works. After making a compulsory order they realized out the works. After making a compulsory order they realized that they had not obtained from the county court judge the necessary express finding under section 11(3) that the premises were not capable of being made fit at a reasonable expense. Their application to the fudge for an express finding was, for some reason now not easy to understand, dismissed. Understandably feeling obliged to resort to a different procedure, the council withdraw the compul-

the council withdrew the compul-sory purchase order, and served on the owners a notice under secon the owners a notice under section 16, the premise being that they were now satisfied, contrary to their previous view, that the house was not capable of being rendered fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense. The council refused an undertaking by the owners under section 16 (4) that the house would not be used for human habitation until rendered fit and served on them under section 19 a notice to purchase the house under section 17 (2). The owners appealed against (2). The owners appealed against

Before Judge McDonnell the cise of the powers conferred on the object.
The council's intention was, and always had been, that the house should be restored to a state of the Act, dealing with clearance

in his discretion set the notice in his discretion set the notice aside and accept the owners' undertaking under section 16 (4). The judge held that a local authority were entitled only to purchase property under section 17 (2) for the purpose of using it temporarily pending demolition, not to obtain a permanent addition to their housing stock.

Was that right? Clearly the

Was that right? Clearly the primary purpose of a section 17 (2) acquisition was to enable the local authority to use a house to provide temporary housing accommodation notwithstanding that its condition fell short of the prescribed standard of timess for human habitation. But was the section 17 (2) power limited to cases where the authority's purpose the section in the section i section 17 (2) power limited to cases where the authority's purpose was to use the house only for a limited period and in a condition affording such a limited standard of accommodation? The council argued that, once the authority had acquired the house under section 17 (2), there was nothing to limit the scale of the works which they might carry out by way of repair or improvement, the standard of accommodation which they might use it to provide, or the period of time for which it might be retained for use as housing accommodation "pending demolition".

In deciding in relation to a par-

In deciding in relation to a par-ticular bouse falling to be dealt with under Part II whether to proceed under section 9 or section 16, the local authority were not under any obligation to undertake a precise and detailed examination of the economic factors to which section 39 directed attention in order in reach a positive conclusection 39 directed attention in order to reach a positive conclusion one way or the other as to whether, objectively considered, the house could be rendered fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense. An affirmative decision to that effect was not required as a condition for operating the procedure under section 9. The local authority night serve a notice under that section "unless they were satisfied that [the house was] not capable at a reasonable expense of being rendered so able expense of being rendered so

In practice, his Lordship apprehended that all that a local authority needed to decide at that stage was whether, if they acquired the house at site value, it would be economically viable from their point of view to carry out the works necessary to make it fit for human habitation. If they decided that it would not, that would inevimbly lead to the conclusion that the house could not be rendered fit for human habitation at a reasonable expense and indicate reasonable expense and indicate that the procedure under section 16 would be appropriate.

If, however, the local authority wished to see the house made fit and were prepared to acquire it and make it fit themselves if necessity, his Lordship could see to reason why they should not proceed under section 9 without examining the economic question further, leaving it to the owner to exercise his right of appeal if he contended that the house could not be made fit at a reasonable expense. If an appeal succeeded on that ground, they would then be in a position to implement their own intention to acquire and carry own intention to acquire and carry out the necessary works in exer-cise of the powers conferred on them by section 12.

fitness for human habitation. They proposed on acquisition to rehouse the sitting tenant, then carry our not only specified but other works to bring the house to a still higher standard, giving the house a useful life of not less than 30 years.

The judge concluded that the acquisition was not within the council's powers under section 17 (2), and that, if it was, he would in his discretion see the notice which would not be liable to be reversed, even though, as under section in that respect which would not be liable to be reversed, even though, as under reversed, even though, as under Part III, the demolition or closure

Part III, the demolition or closure might properly be postponed for a limited period.

But for the procedural mishap which had befallen them in the first county court proveedings, the council would, subject to obtaining confirmation of their compulsory purchase order, have achieved their objective perfectly normally under section 12. Section 12 was tailor-made for the purpose which they had been seeking to achieve, and section 17 (2), which contemplated quite a different purpose, could not properly be stretched to cover the same ground. The judge had reached a correct conclusion, and the appeal should be dismissed on that ground.

As to discretion, it was difficult

the appeal should be dismissed on that ground.

As to discretion, it was difficult to imagine what language the legislature could have used to confer on the judge any wider power to review the local authority's decision than that in section 20 (3). The council had argued that, in regarding the fliancial detriment to the owners if the purchase notice were confirmed, he had taken account of an irrelevant matter. The acceptance of the owners' undertaking enabled them to evict their sitting tenant, whom the council were then obliged to rehouse. The large financial gain which that brought to the owners was an adventitions consequence of the fact that the house had been allowed to fall into disrepair. The fact that confirmation of the purchase notice would deny that windfall to the owners could not, it was argued, be a proper matter to influence the decision in favour of the owners.

As an argument on the merits

okrners. As an argument on the merits it had much force, but as an argument to impugn the judge's decision as erroneous in law it was fallacious, because it confused relevance with weight. In deciding on the merits whether it was just to exercise a compulsory power of expropriation. the financial expropriation, the financial implications for the owners must always be relevant. What weight should be given to them in any should be given to them in any particular case was quite another matter. In some cases they might be decisive, in others their weight might be negligible. The judge's decision to accept the undertaking could not be impugned.

Lord Justice Waller, and Lord Justice Megaw delivered concursive indepents Solicitors: Mr J. B. Parker; Stafford Clark & Co.

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Watt feels like a champion for the first time

Kempton Park

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ALSO RAN: 5-1 Happy Two. 12-1

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Rayline of Life (b). 23-1 All Bonus, Bon Scarlot (f). Sadal, Tower Moss.

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TOTE: Win. 17p: places, 11p. 26p. 19p; dual forecast, 70p. J. Gifford, at Findon, 15t, 2'4.

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By John Blunsden

Ken Tyrrell novedled his racing team's latest grand prix challenger, the Elf Tyrrell-Ford 008, at a press gathering at Clandon Park, Surrey, yesterday. Unlike its predecessor, the P.34, the latest Tyrrell has only four wheels and is the work of Maurice Phillippe, and took over as chief designer title by stopping Geronimo Lucas, the Spanish champton, in the tenth round.

It was here that it all began for Wact when he won the British title for the first time in 1972. It was here on Wednesday that wast delightedly admitted that now for the first time be really felt like a European champton—and this despite holding the life since Angust.

He won it in 82 seconds then when his opponent was pulled out by the referee with a cut eye "that was never satisfactory" Wart said, "and although it gave me the itie it meant very little to me. But now I really feel that I am enheled to be champion of Europe."

Since this was voluntary defence watt will certainly be expected to put his title on the line ogain within the next three months.

Tyrrell reverts to four wheels

However, the car has been built to accommodate a mamber of still-secret design features and technical innovations which are to be incorporated progressively during the coming months. during the coming months.

This development programme, which will not alter the overall appearance of the car, is a direct outcome of the creation by Ken Tyrrell last year of a separate research and development division headed by an American physicist, Karl Kemps. This utilizes both on-board and laboratory data collecting and processing equipment.

With the amountement of the With the announcement of the new car this technical back-up for

have been entered for the Argen-tine Grand Prix in January.

The Silverstone trial is to be

8.50 (3.32) VAUXHALL HURDLE (Div II: 4-y-0 hovices: £519: 2'em 90yd)

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ALSO RAN: 11-4 Princely, 5-1 Logal Branch, 12-1 Lorenzotti, 16-1 Arctic Bunny (f), Hot Cross Bun (4th), 33-1 Gedpus, 25-1 Kirkstone Pass (f), 33-1 Beau Wonder, Golden Bracze (f), Hey Rubch (p), 13 ran.

swept forward front wings; and its multi-profile rear wing which is partly supported by a pair of flying wires from a Tiger Moth alecast, and still manufactured his fifth season as a member of his fifth season as a member of the Tyrrell Grand Prix team. Although the young French driver Dittier Pironi has been widely tipped as his new partner, no driver contract has yet been signed in respect of the second Tyrrell and there will be no official announcement until this has happened. However, two cars have been entered for the Areen-

The Silverstone trial is to be followed later this mouth by further tests on the Paul Ricard circuit in the south of France, and then by some trials in South Africa: If all these are concluded satisfactorily the 008 alone (two complete cars and a spare chassis) will go to South America. However, one six-wheeler is being held back for the time being as a spare. (The other P24s are being sold off at £25,000 each as collectors' items.) the racing team is being taken a complete cars and a spare chassis) stage farther. The 008 will carry will go to South America. Howspecial electronic instrumentation to record suspension movements and acceleration, braking and cornering throughout official practice periods.

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Americans increase

Toronto, Nov 17.—United States riders were back in command at the Royal Horse Show here last night, taking first and third places. In a jump-off among six riders in the international doubles and in the international doubles and trebles competition, an American, Michael Matz, just edged a British rider, John Whitaker, to take top prize and 10 points that moved him into a tie for second place in the individual standings.

Six of the 17 international riders had gone clear over a tough course containing two triples and one duadruple jump, and four of

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THE ARTS

News from the past: rise of the dictators

Before Hindsight (u) The Other Cinema

The Amsterdam Kill

Casino/General release

It is perhaps appropriate that the first story inspired by the cinema, Kipling's "Mrs Bath-urst" of 1904, should have been about a man destroyed through his obsession with an image seen in a newsreel film. and that one of the earliest poems about the cinema should have been Sir Henry Newbolt's reflections on Great War newsreels. There is something pecu-liarly hauming about news-film, especially old footage, something that makes us simultaneously aware of life's tran-sience and the fact that the earth abides. And for this reason alone Jonathan Lewis's account of the 1930s as presented by the British cinema's sented by the British cinema's weekly news films, Before Hindsight, would be a compelling experience. But mysticism, elegy and nostalgia are not Mr Lewis's purpose, nor is social history; they are merely an agreeable by-product of it.

Lewis and his producer and co-researcher Elizabeth Taylor-Mead have sited the archives of Pathé. Gammont British, Movietone, Paramount and Universal to show the way the rise of Hitler and Mussolini was presented to British movie-

was presented to British moviegoers in their local cinemas. Into this they have woven material the news companies
shot but never released (such
as a chilling 1937 interview
with a uniformed Oswald Mos-One typically heart-warming sequence shows a vast iron swastlika being erected in Bavaria while Nazi officials watch happy ledertosen-clad lads dance with bonny dirudlasmocked girls, and the commentator talking glibly of an unchanging world. At much the same time foorage of Nazi the same time footage of Nazi book-burning failed to reach our local cinemas, George Bernard Shaw comes on to wel-come the reintroduction of conscription in Germany as the best news from that country since the war; Clement Attlee

ignation in a wordily garbled fashion, a sequence that was

The Ring in the round

sponsored by the Midland Bank, which is also repeating its regular spring series of Proms.

In the cast for The Ring next entumn will be Gwyneth Jones as Brümnhilde, Jean Cox as Siegfried and Doneld McIntyre as Wotzn, with Josephine Veasey, Peter Hoffman, Helga Dernesoh, Zoltan Kelemen and

Franz Mazura in other roles.

The details were announced yesterday by Sir Claus Moser, chairman of the board of the Royal Opera House, who was presenting the annual report for 1976-7. On expenditure of them there was a time

for 1976-77. On expenditure of about £7.6m, there was a riny deficit of £7,500. "We balanced the books—just", said Sir Claus, who added that in the coming year they would be walking "a real eightrope".

Attendances averaged 93 per cent for opera and 89 per cent for ballet. Aida and Tosca were the most popular operas, with 98 per cent paying attention.

with 98 per cent paying attendance, and Jenuja, with 80 per cent, was the least popular.

Among the full-length ballets, The Nutcracker topped the attendance figures, with 98 per cent, and Manon and The Tannance of the Tan

cent, and Manon and The Tam-ing of the Shrew came bottom with 32 per cent each. Allowing for inflation, Sir Claus said the cost of new pro-

ductions was now averaging half the cost of productions a

decade ago. Götterdämmerung cost £87,000 to put on, and Der Freischütz £85,000

Bernard Haitink will be recording the Shostakovich symphonies with the London Philharmonic Orchestra, not the Vieona Philharmonic as stated earlier this week,

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Bernard Haitink

Basilisk-eyed Mitchum on the heroin trail distributed then withdrawn; a Club, Guntler's Inside books, review of 1938 finds Britain Picture Post, and so on, the dancing the Lambeth Walk on cinema newsreels were a relational property of the cinema newsreels were a relation of the cinema newsreels were a relational property of the cinema newsreels were a relation of the cinema newsreels were the brink of the abyss. Describing these clips one slips into easier ironies than the director permits himself. The working restrictions—economic, political, commercial, technical—are explained through interviews with

attempt to suggest the existence of some vast establishment conspiracy. The title is indeed well chosen. Lewis clearly wants to initiate a people, for whom the word debate, and has shown earnest of this by articles he has written and a series of discussions the Other Cinema has arranged to accompany screenings of his picture.

Nevertheless, there are serious drawbacks in restricting the film to newsreel material, and to a single major issue. Within the vast documentary explosion of the Thirties with the function of television news and current affairs programming today is therefore highly misleading. In consequence the remarks at the film's end by Jonathan Dimbleby deploring the heresy of balance and re-stating the Birt-Jay "bias against understated to the Thirties that gave us Fact, Mass Observation, the Left Book coda to an inquiry of another,

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Cameron is merely a sophisticated variant of Leslie Mit-chell's Movietone News rhetoric, rather than a radical alternative to it.

But that having been said, let me repeat that Before Hindsight is a continually engrossing and thought-provoking film, one of the best the British Film Institute Production Board have given us. My real objection, perhaps, is that it should have been half as long again. long again.

Robert Mitchum belongs with Burt Lancaster and Kirk Douglas to the second generaboughts to the second genera-tion of Hollywood character-stars, who emerged in the late 1940s to relieve the pressure on the formidable quartet of Robinson, Cagney, Tracey and Bogart. Their shared quality was a bruised vulnerability, a knowledge of the dark side of the American dream, and for all their confidence the andience could never be sure that Mitchum, Lancaster and Douglas would come out on top—and often enough they did lose, and not always when playing villains either, which they not infrequently did. They helped shape the post-war Hollywood film noir, and

ing the Western to the serious position that the older genera-tion had brought the gangster movie to in the Thirties. After his recent successes as

the doomed stool-pigeon in The Friends of Eddic Coyle, as Marlowe in Farcwell My Friends of Eddic Coyle, as Marlowe in Farcwell My Lovely and Brady in The Lust Tycon, Mitchum is lending his talent to an unworthy enterprise in The Amsterdom Kill, a picture which needs every ounce of presence he can give it. Scarely opening his basilisk eyes, he drifts through this dien thriller as an unforched ILS narcotics agent unfrocked U.S. narcotics agent hired by a Triad-and-trusted Chinese drug king (Holly-wood's perennially inscrutable Keye Luke) to discover who's trying to monopolize the inter-national heroin market. The action lurches from Holland to Hongkong and back, with more thought given to finding pic-turesque locales for blood-letting than to devising a persuasive plot. Numerous anonymously expendable orientals are disposed of along the way and a pair of culpable occidentals at the end. The result is a little more exciting than a drugs bust at Gordonstoun, but less interesting and

Philip French

The question of who killed Jesus

BBC2

Michael Ratcliffe The main arguments of Raim

Coin's book, The Trial and Death of Jesus, as they emerged from this programme, seem to be that the Romans. seem to be that the Romans, not the Jews, tried and killed Jews; that the Jews, on the contrary, loved him; and that the Christian Gospels, written half a century later, shifted the blame from the Romans to the Jews to avoid further offending a Rome that was by then perse-cating Christianity with great force.

The key text is in Matthew, who states that the Jews accepted the burden of collective guilt quite openly: "His blood be on us and on our children." Robert Vas's "documentary investigation" of Dr Cohn's theories reminded us throughout of that portentous and, on the face of it, implausible assumption and ended with his revisionist view.

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Transit Queen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann 🕛

Few musical experiences can rival the first acquaintance with a major item of new music, especially when it is by a composer more often spoken about than performed. Such is Brian Ferneyhough, who on Wednesday conducted the London Sinfonierta in the promiere here of his Transit, an extended piece for vocal sextet and orchestra.

Ferneyhough is now in his mid-thirties, an English com-poser from Coventry, trained in London; his early works were discouragingly received here (judged prolix and costive, if on the Continent, where he has now settled, living and working at Freiburg in the Black Forest. Reports of his successes in France, Germany, Holland and Italy have trickled home, and the BEC has devoted a little time to his music.

Transit attracted a decent Transit attracted a decent audience, including a pair of orous, too. The rich contramicrophones suggesting a forth-coming broadcast: Ferreyhough has not really been forgotten, and the transition from two although we have, as so often in the past decade, to thank London Sinfonietta for drawing public attention to a worth while musical voice:

Huber) yet dramatic and son-orous, too. The rich contra-puntal invention is clarified by shapily decorative melodic line, and the transition from two sorts of music, by mutual interior in the past decade, to thank ference, to a third sort of sentences, to a third sort of sentences.

The work, which is in 10 interconnected and closely packed sections lasted rather over half an hour. Usefully, the first part of the concert was given to a spoken introduction by the componer with live musiby the composer, with live musi-cal illustrations to show the music's basic premises, a passage for chorus, notated in rhythm but not pitch or duration and one for percussion,

carefully notated. The preliminary demonstra-tion also showed how the final climax is built up by chorus, woodwind solo trio, percussion, and brass; and how some of the central sections treat the basic materials. All that surely prepared listeners for the complete performance in which sectional virtuosity (double-basses, trumpets, keyboard percussion, discouragingly received here and particularly the solo vocal (judged prolix and costive, if sextet helped by amplification) memory serves), but admired could be admired without discouragingly received here. traction from the unfolded design of the music.

Transir is no less elaborate in texture and mellectual concep-tion than earlier works by Fer-neyhough known to me: its modus operandi is metaphysical (he is a disciple of Klaus Huber) yet dramatic and son-orous, too. The rich contra-

Act of apostasy

The Golden Country Royal Exchange,

familiar, many not-of Chris Manchester

time art and the more austere imagery of studio drama. Ned Chaillet Seven speakers stood or sat round a huge cruciform usble in plain wood. Chive Swift, smoothly stated, spoke for Colm, and the rest were soberly and appropriately dressed to represent the Gospel narrator's Christ, Pikate, the High Priest and the all-important Jewish and the all-important Jewish Father Christopher Ferreira went from Portugal to Japan to become Japanese" and, more to the point, to carry the Christian message. He went when feudal Japan had been persecuting, murdering and torturing Christians and he was a faithful chronicler of their martyrdom. His early promise, and the antimoperant jewshi crowd whose view of Jesus seemed to change so totally during the short week before Passover. Recently discovered evidence of Pilate's character marryrdom. His early promise, which had been so well noted by the Jesuits, was dissolved when he was himself tortured by the Bureau of Investigation of the Christians and hanged upside down with a small hole drilled in his skull, his head in a bucket of offal. Father Ferreira then hereme the prize of and career, of Roman legal and administrative procedure, of Jewish society and religious practice, was effectively adduced to cast doubt on the Gospeis' veracity, even if, like many scholars questioning a time-homoured source, Cobn does not entirely avoid the trap reira then became the prize of the bureau, himself an infamous

persecutor of Christians. The Golden Country is a Japanese play about those events. Shusako Endo pursues the motivations of the persecutthe motivations of the persecut-ors and Christians, contrasting duty and faith, the Japanese desire to root out foreign beliefs and the fragile growth of those beliefs in Father Ferreira. Japan, he writes, is a "mudswamp", and offers no soil for foreign ideas. But in the play he shows the faith more firm in Perreira's flock

than in Ferreira and while the priest yields to torture, farmers and samurai so singing to their deaths.
Endo has brought the story into the present. The bureau

could be any government agency investigating and eliminating any subversive threat. It is important, however, that the threat is Christian. In Richard "directed and staged by mean?) there are only occa-sional touches of specifically Oriental behaviour, such as light, homorific bows which could almost be European. The company are all Occidental and only the events: the tortures, the purging of Christians, the arrival of European merchants, reflect the Japan of the seven-

teenth century.

There is no lightness and not the slightest intrusion of triviality in the three-hour play. Although there are conflicts of culture, the central debate about why Ferreira broke suggests nothing so much as Graham Greene grappling with Roman Catholicism. If Endo had nor made Ferreira's act of apostasy the climax of his play he might have been able to investigate the man's character more firmly. As it stands, he investigates the intent character development to the samural persecutors, parti-cularly to the chief investigator, benignly and intelligently played by Wolfe Morris, and to Ian Hastings as a young samural convert to Christianity. It is engrossing as a document, but demands, I believe, a context in which faith is a living issue. Apostasy by itself cannot vitally concern those who have no beliefs to forsake. Perhaps Francis Morbels along Perhaps Francis Mathy's plainspoken and effective transla-tion would find a more galvanic reception in Dublin.

Sovereignty under Elizabeth Almost Free

Jeremy Treglown

David Rudkin's contribution to Inter-Action's Jubilee programme is an outburst of leftist ardout. It hankers after the days when Britain was not-

in the EEC, when railway por-ters had a kind word for the bewildered traveller, when you could stop and char at street clumsy, preferrious writing. corners without being run over by French juggernauts and, by inference—since, all the bad new things are seen as products of the present reign—when merry King George wielded Albion's sceptre. All this is set in an ellegori-

All this is set in an ellegori-cal plot, full of Shakespearian allusions, in which the Queen, deranged with guilt over the national decline is kept in order by a nurse/courtier and a doctor/politician, representing on the one hand benevolent folk toryism and on the other ruth-less free enterprise, controlled. less free-enterprise capitalism Queen Gentlewoman and Doc-tor, have their say in turn. All this takes abour ar hour.

Then in the last three minutes the play takes off with Prince Charles's entrance in all purpose multi-uniform — one trouser leg, half a kilt ("M-maj, one has turned into everything one can") — and the Queen's dressing up in ceremonial robes made of golden stilts and baseball gloves.
It's a good theatrical moment

gramme is an outburst of (Norman Coates is the design-reactionary nostalgia posing as er), and there are perhaps three other more modest ones before it. But what the play suffers from more than its even than its tired socio-poli-tical formulations is sheer clumsy, pretentious writing Wave, cheer", the Queen says to the audience at one point.

"Never pause to ponder the anatomy of that liberty you so parcissistically dream that you enjoy". Forget: the mixed metaphor ignore the alkiteration and the awkward choming -y; what about the traffic jam

semence structure?

As the Queen, Lyun Parieign has to hit a hysterical Lady Macbeth note early on and 15 stuck with it, but there are bright apots in the performances of lan Charleson, lulia McCarthy and Alan Barker as Doctor. Gentlewomen and Prince. The play is directed by Jack Emery. Jack Emery

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.

THE TIMES



What's the point of Ken White's mural?

encomposition results. Access that

Philip Freed

Ken White spent three months working eight

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HE MURAL WAS A THAMESDOWN COMMUNITY ARTS PROJEC

Mr Chapple and his supporters could tarnish their image in the battle against the left

'Moderates' run the risk of going too far to keep control of the electricians' union

aking conference in Black- motions on the social contract ool next week, an event in all talk about what happens self not wildly remarkable. he scaside deliberations of the surprising because they were bour movement are not often ut this conference brings into public gaze a political ower struggle that industrial rrespondents have shown an nderstandable shyness about porting. Tread softly, for you

ir presents a further chapter the long-running battle bethe entrenched righting leadership of Mr Frank happle, the union's general and his supporters, nd the left-wing minority on re executive council who amed a power toehold in the tections of 1973—only to find heir policies (and personali-tes) discredited.

net. Mr Chapple said this north that the conference is a watershed in our history", dding: "Having consistently out the battle of genuinely cld elections, the communist no Trosskvist based opposition n the union will attempt to egain control through manipuation and intimidation of the

But there is little room for loubt that the executive will get away with " the conference (to employ the unfortunate rrase used by one of the bers of the Labour Party. After minant moderate group to a later election, without naming

after Phase Two, which is not designed for a midsummer conference. In any event, Mr Chapple's famous dictum, "resolutions are resolutions, not the laws of the Medes and Persians ". surely stands.

In fact, when it come to rules revision, the resolutions may not even be resolutions. At the last such conference, delegates were asked to abandon motions put up by branches in favour of a new rule book drawn up by the executive that they had never seen before. Obedient to platform, they did, and the executive won every point.
It will be interesting to ob-

serve the fare of motion 15, from Rotherham, which con-gratulates the leadership of the Electrical, Electronic communication and Plumbing Union for pursuing "progres-sire policies" but feels that the executive council and senior officers "can, on occasions, be relucrant to accept justified

Mr Harold Best, executive councillor for the Yorkshire division. He was elected in 1973 along with two other "independents" who are socialists but not mem-



Mr Frank Chapple : a continuing battle.

the three Mr Chapple said in Contact that their policies were "as old as the hills or as Marx", and "without any shadow of a In this respect it may be doubt they would inexorably instructive to consider the fate of one of Mr Chapple's critics, undemocratic regime of which undemocratic regime of which we rid this union 16 years ago". Mr Chapple is by chance also editor of Contact, and efforts by those who had been criticized to exercise a right of reply

failed. Their articles were not

in Ireland and Mr Don Sheasby in Manchester. It may be When Mr Best stood in the 1976 election for general secre-taryship Mr Chapple was a runaway victor, but during the election, a ballot inquiry was set argued that the elections were is in merger talks with the engineering workers' union. But that has not stopped the AUEW up by the executive to inquire into any outside interference by

That inquiry eventually re-ported, and alleged that Mr Best had acted in breach of the rules by canvassing and receiv-ing support from the Commu-should be given a vote to make

rish sear (Ireland is slated for ballot inquiry had not given Mr Best an opportunity to position) might otherwise push speak in his own defence or the balance of power to a 6 challenge the evidence given tie with the casting vote held by against him. He was advised to the president. seek a court declaration that the report of the inquiry was He is elected from the execucontrary to natural justice and should be set aside, and that he

had not acted in breach of rule.

But because he has been re-fused legal aid, he cannot take

the matter stands. The moral of the story appears to be that

platform. The moderates on

apparently moves afoot to but-tress their position.

filled following the death of their incumbents, Mr McKernan

stponed because the EETPU

the case to court.

tive council since the full-time presidential post was abolished by a ballot of the membership Since ther time, it has been held by Mr Tom Breakell, ao executive councillor and councillor and a supporter of Mr

documents for conference. Indeed, it is bard to find out from rically non-conformist policy the papers lately released to the press just what is going on. The KETPU executive meets majority of eight to four against their opponents. But there are in Blackpool tomorrow to decide on conference strategy. It will be surprising if there is not a political clash to be mirrored on For the past two years, two executive sears have not been a larger scale when the dele-gates meet on Monday. The electricians' union has a worthy, cause of Soviet dissidents within the TUC. Since the last conference, that outward concern has had precious little internal value. The standing of the rightwingers who dominate the

filling executive seats union will inevitably be diminished to "the unaccept-able face of moderation" if promptly as they fell vacant. The "moderates" ploy no The "moderates" ploy now seems to be that Mr Chapple and Mr Charlie Lovell, secrepast practice is to repeat itself.

Paul Routledge Labour Editor

him to his protest, and of the Soviet troops liberated by their comrades from German prisoner-of-war camps and now being marched straight from

See in formation—with a guilty look– March Russians. Prisoners. Endless. On each back

Brand of a flame that <mark>no atonement</mark>

They tramp the hard path under hanging branches.

And always "Why?" their thought

Ther've not been summoned to the

Under the harsh stroke of a clumsy

Towards the distant parts of a cruel land.

But the most powerful aspect of

our feasts they've had no

orward, their necks bowed as

though to bend



Why the Gulf waits anxiously for peace in the Middle East

everyone, from the highest to growing anxiety the negotia-tions in Washington which, for good or ill, are going to deter mine the fare of the whole area. It is, I fear, easy to take their attitudes for There is a marked contrastmarked, at any rate, when seen from the Gulf—between the solicitude shown for the susceptibilities of one party in the general lack of interest in the views held by an important sec-

tion of the other.

Moshe Dayan barnstorms across the United States, inciting his audiences to sabotage the policy of the government whose guest he is. The British receive Menachem Begin, presumably at least as much to listen as to admonish. But we do not see Gulf foreign ministers turning up in Washington to rebuke President Carter for his vanifications, or in London to denounce Mr Callaghan for the interpreparations. inappropriateness of inviting Mr Begin to be feted in England in spine of his past record, and at a time when his

cathook towards peace has been so negative and his actions as demonstrated in South Lebanon last week are so violent. Yet the Gulf is more vital to the prosperity, and even the economic survivol of the West and medially of at of the West and specially of western Europe than the Rubr is to the economic survival of Germany or the Ukraine to the prosperity of Russia, whereas Israel, to past it mildly, is not. Yet in spite of its crucial im-

portance western Europe mis-guidedly appears to have vir-mally contracted out politically of the Middle East. I was interested to Shaikh Zayed, one of the friendliest and most construc-tive critics of the West, quoted as saying in a Lebanese mag-azine in almost the exact words he used to me two weeks ago that the only real threat to the oil supplies from the Gulf come from America's

excessive championing of Israeli policies.

The intense concern felt by everyone in the Gulf over the progress of negotiations for a Middle East peace settlement is attributable to more than general Arab solidarity. There are more than a million Palestinians living and working in the Gulf which means that the the poem is the way the poet matches Gulf is at least as directly conthe drive of his verse, its pulsing cerned with the face of the Palestinians as is Jordan or

metre and varying pace, to the demands of his account of the Rus-Lebanon. sian armies' drive. The reader is swept along with the advance, checkbecome conventional ortho-doxy, even in Washington, to ing when it does, watching Solzhenitsyn's men pause to eat, loot or rape; say that there can be no peace this sense of being part of the poem is what makes me say that the reader in the Middle East without a solution of the Palestine prob-lem (justice for the Pales-tinians). This change of attishould treat it as a single span across history, to take individual lines or tinians). This change of attitude has been noted and welcomed in the Gulf, by Pales
tinians and indigenous Gulftinians and Gulftinia even scenes being little more use in grasping the whole than to scoop a single pailful from a rushing river. (Prussian Nights also repays a second reading immediately after the first; though long for a poem by today's standards, it is still only some 1,200 growing suspicion that Wash-ington might be trying to water down its commitments.
"Where does President Carter
stand now?" was the question
I was asked everywhere I Prussion Nights has an exceptional biographical inverest, because it is Solzhenitsyn's own account (the only one he has so far given) of the time went, and it was not an easy one to answer.

The danger seems to be that it may become tempting to look for agreements with everybody except the Palestinians. Of course it might be



Sinai by some face-saving for-mula which ensured her effective control over Sharm el-Sheikh for a long time to

More difficult, but not impossible, would be some agreement over the Golan Heights. involving demilitarization, international supervision, and the disbanding of Israeli settlements on Syrian territory, which would give both sides some security in purely military terms. But neither of these withdrawals would bring passes any pearer inject Israel peace any nearer unless Israel

was prepared to accept the Palestinian reality.
Only last week the contrast in attitudes towards peace was shown up with unusual clarity by President Sadar's most dovish speech ever on the one side and by the ferocious Israeli ar attacks on South Lebanon on the other. The humiliation inflicted on the Arabs by such a massive dis-play of force to which no reply is possible, given the present disparity in military strength, seemed to create another ob-

stacle on the road to peace.

President Sadat has nov
broken the diplomatic logjan in a spectacular manner by his and may yet surprise us all by bringing off a major diplomatic coup. But should Mr Begin remain intransigent and continue to ignore the fundamental issue of the Palestinians then it difficult to see what President

Sadat's bold step can achieve. A question frequently asked the Middle East is, does Begin feel that while he knows how to live with war, to live with peace is beyond him? to live with war, to live next few weeks should bring us nearer to an answer. Should it be in the affirmative then the outlook for peace in the Middle East and for Western interests in the area is gloomy indeed.

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Dennis Walters The author is Conservative MP © Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977

article by Dr Immanuel Jako-bovits should have read: "It would remove without cost a major irritent to detente and international understanding, international understanding, yielding benefits far exceeding the interests of the immediate beneficiaries."

Bernard Levin

Solzhenitsyn's roar of defiance on the long winter march into night

Alexander Solzhenitsyn arrived in the West in February 1974 like some huge rolcano, his expulsion representing moral bankruptcy and turpitude yet made by his country's rulers. (It is worth reminding ourselves today of the courage of the others who refuse no accept exit-visas, not only Dr Sakharov but General Grigorenko, who has just been given permission in travel abroad for a much-needed operation, and whose only concern is that if he goes he might not be allowed back in.) It soon became clear that the volcano was by no means extinct: Solzhenitsyn's television appearances in this country (and in the United States) had an effect so areat and continuing that the only appropriate analogy is with the way in which some astronomers think the universe started : the echoes of Solthenitsyn's Big Bang continue to ribrate in the mind, and the fallout still fluttering to earth.

But it was not only the moral and political effect of Solzhenizsyn's arrival that gave promise of continuing : it was also the literary. (Not. arate the two sides of such a man.) No fewer than 25 books, it appeared. were already planned in outline or detail; several of them were already written (and several have appeared, including August 1914, Lenin in Zurich and the second volume of The Gulae Archinelago) others, it seemed. existed complete in this amazing

Almost every artistic genius has inderstandably felt the need, in the course of his work, to turn aside from the main stream of his creative destiny, and to explore for a time some of its tributaries. The result need not be works of lesser quality or even scale: Wagner wrote both Tristan and the Mastersingers between the second act of Siegirical and the rest of the Ring, and if you do not like that comparison rememher that Beethoven wrote the Eighth Symphony between the Seventh and

And so it is with the Russian master. I have just been reading an astonishing new work by him, called Prussian Nights (published by Collins-Harvill), a huge narrative poem, clearly autobiographical in inspiration, translated by Robert Conquest, who has kept as closely as may be to both the metre and the rhyme-



Solzhenitsyn: an epic poem of war at its worst.

scheme of the original (it is published in parallel text). I do not at all agree with the dismissive way in which it has been discussed by some of the reviewers, including Robert Nye in The Times, and I want, therefore, to offer another view today.

Prussian Nights describes a moment in the Second World War, in which Solzhenitsyn served with considerable distinction as an artillery officer; his unit took part in the advance into East Prussia at the beginning of 1945, and it is during that offensive that the episode of the poem takes place. It was on that march that Solzhenitsyn saw the things that finally moved him into open defiance of the Soviet state; he made a formal complaint about some of the horrors he had witnessed, whereupon he was arrested and sent to a concentration camp.

And it was in the camp that he composed One Day in the Life of Ivan Denisorich and planned The First Circle, and also wrote, entirely in his head, this poem.

Epic poems, and that is what Prussian Nights is, are not much in fushion nowadays: Chesterton's fushion nowadays: Chesterton's Lepanto was a long time ago. And I suspect that this very fact has coloured the reaction of some of those

who have written about Solzhenitsyn's. For it has to be read in a single sitting, if the sweep and force of the work are to be properly felt. (1 remember Professor Allardyce Nicoli making this point, most pertu-ently, in the Introduction to his fine edition of Chapman's Homer, a work in so strange a style that if you look too close at the trees the wood disappears altogether, whereas if you treat it as Keats presumably must have done, and gulp it down in one huge meal, it will have the same effect on you as it did on him.)

Having said that, I am under the uncomfortable necessity of finding passages to quote which deny the thesis I have just expounded. But I think this will give you some taste

It hurts to gaze through the sun's The snown field sparkles aglow. There's not a wheeltrack to be seen. Under shining ice, in a dust of snow, The forests stretch quietly away. Back there in our Russian spaces

Where the front was, the woods have Miles and miles of stumps remain:

Army axes cut them down. We used the trunks of our own pines To build the bunkers of our lines. This would have been the place to

See them standing, proud and white. And there's no Russian saw to fell The lakes are sparkling with blue

The rivers wrapped in whitenesses. And in the villages, the shutters, The oak cupboards, the things that fill them, The pianos and the fireplaces.

The radios and the libraries. The road's a real Nevsky Prospekt-Dostniersky-not a house without him:

The Works, odd volumes-once, in

Even a manuscript about him. One of the most impressive things about Prussian Nights is the poet's ability to contrast passages like that not only with descriptions of battle and hand-to-hand fighting (when the verse becomes almost commanopoeic). but with pictures—surely drawn from life—of the atrocities that finally led

one he has so far given) of the time in which he was turning himself into the spiritual and artistic giant we now know. But it would still, I believe, be a mighty achievement even if it were anonymous, and I urge any reader whose heart and imagination can still be stirred by poetry, war, truth and choice to easier to find solutions to the continuous can still be stirred by ry, war, truth and choice to from the equation. No doubt Israel could be induced to

THE TIMES DIARY/ PHS

Father Christmas won't be visiting Hannah this year

Many old people will be utterly alone this Christmas. With no presents, no Christmas Dinner and no-one to talk to. For just the price of a single present,

you could help turn their Christmas into one of good cheer.

£5 provides 25 Christmas Dinners for old people overseas. £30 will adopt a Granny overseas for one year.

Christmas is a family time. Please remember all the unfortunate people who have no family. A good-will gift to them means so much more.

Please use the FREEPOST facility and address your gift to: Hon. Treasurer, The Rt. Hon. Lord Maybray-King, Help the Aged, Room. T6, FREEPOST 30, London W1E 7JZ.

* Please let us know if you would like your gift used. for a particular purpose.

Keeping the record straight as the bat

Cricket, without us hallowed chronicle of the glorious deeds of yesteryear (Verity's 10 wickets for 10 runs, or Sobers setting about the bowling of Nash at Swansea) would be, as Porgy said of women, "a sometime thing", 2 mere pastime, the players but flickering figures in white glimpsed from a train window.

Tomorrow, part of the English and Pakistani sections of Kerry Packer's cricket circus sets out from Heathrow. Whatever subtletles may be propounded for or against the venture (and you know my views on the subject) there is no denying that the unofficial tests will be history in the making

It may be claimed in the High Court that the spectator appeal of this form of cricket is still unknown, but how many of you will not follow the scores? And since cricket has tory is about to be made, you will be glad to hear that a first rate cricker historian will be there to record it.

Mr Rosenwater is described by E. W. Swanton in his new book as "the leading presentday historical researcher". The Mr Packer has gone not only for the best players in the world, but for the best sup-porting cast as well. That ace scorer of the BBC team donacknowledged secret of his success is his unobtrusiveness and he will be unobtrusively assisting the commentary team during the Packer matches. His pen is poised, therefore, for the first delivery in Melbourne ing the past seven summers, Irving Rosenwater, will be in Australia to record each ball bornied and run ecored.



We Want The Queen, by Hugo Vickers (Debrett's Peerage Ltd), is packed with pic-tures of the Royal Family meeting their subjects. Pictures that those who waited for so long hoped to take, but found too many heads—and sometimes umbrellas—in the way. Mr Vickers chromicles the events that took place in the

capital, ranging from a "Guess the Weight of the Mayor" com-petition to the lavish Bond Street Ball, where a piped nightingale sang, topless dancers performed, and Princess Margaret won a ship in a bottle on the tombola. He allows his readers an in-

triguing glimpse into the gallantry of top people by reveal-ing that Lord Lichfield and Michael Fish, who makes shirts, spent £21 on the tom-bola for Princess Margaret's tickets, until she eventually

won her prize.
A jubilee foomore: The Illustrated London News's £1,000

On the campaigning trail again

Lord George-Brown is cam-paigning again and it is a refreshing sight, I am told. No sooner had be arrived in Stras-bourg this week than he was taking kuncheon privately with Roy Jenkins, the president of the EEC Commission.

After Mr Jenkins, and as part of his plan to stand as a candidate for the European Parliament when direct elections are introduced, the noble Lord lobbied Emilio Colombo, the president of the Perlia

Angrily vetted

I hope none of the animals, real or famusy, in the furry world of Richard Adams needs the services of a vet. Mr Adams, creator of Shardik-and Watership Down, has dropped a clanger in his latest book, The Plague Dogs, which has set the British Veterinary Association snapping at his

The story concerns two dogs who escape from an experi-mental laboratory to roam the lake District, killing sheep and terrilying people who believe them to be infected with bubonic plague.

He has agreed to make the principal speech at the annual meeting of the European Move-

ment tomorrow week and is playing a part in drafting the Movement's "direct elections manifesto "---which suggests that the Movement will be putting its resources behind candidates who share its own conviction. Observers tell me that one way and another, Lord

George-Brown is making politics more interesting and less predictable again.

scientists for an adult, demesticated dog. Mr Adams says it was the woman's brother-in-law, a vet, who gave

her the idea.

The BVA insist that no yet would dream of suggesting that the owner of an unwanted pet should sell it for research. They say the very idea makes their job far more difficult when they carry out eurhanssia for cheuts who are afraid their beloved pers might end up as part of an experiment.

Lord of hearts _and flowers

Not long out of hospital, and in excellent heart, Lord Kenilworth leaves for Australia tomorrow to put new heart into Down Unders or, at any rate, into those who may be having second thoughts about whether their bank balance makes them suitable targets for his lordship's two-week sales boosting As plain John Siddeley, he is

one of Britain's most inventive jewelry designers. His gold and silver products carry a distinctive hallmark, the initials JS inside a heart shape.

He is an adviser to David Jones, which are the nearest Australian equivalent to our House of Fraser, and his new range of lewelry is now being prominently displayed at their stores, advertised as "Special gifts for Special people".

Purchasers, too, need to be Special. A pair of 18 cares gold goblets cost £15,000 and a six-inch high floral pasce, of gold and precious stones, recalls between £2,000 and £4,000.

Reading sea poems (including MacNeice's The North Sea) at sea and Danish poems in Denmark is what the City of London Informal Poetry Group will be doing this weekend Realism is the name of the game. Professional people and housewives, the 20 or so members of the group will sail from Barwich for Esbjerg. prize for Britain's best one of them had undergone 20 or so members of the group will sail from Barwich for Esbjerg, decorated street has gone to Protheroe Street has gone to Protheroe Street Pulisan, since its laboratory at the laboratory reading poetry to each other en route. They will then go by coach other the money will buy guide them of the money will buy guide to sell it, read Danish poetry and poems about Denimark. They will return to England on Sunday, still reciting away to each other.



100 FAR OR NOT FAR ENOUGH

The firsting our on Labour's the measures themselves. Mis most visible where the legislation ist the Government's devolunon legislation clears the path for its enactment. Obstruction or serious delay is not to be. expected from the Lords when a deneral election casts its shadow before it Barring a dissolution. of Parliament earlier than the Printe Minister may be presumed to have in mind, the Bills should reach the statute book. And unless the Scottish or Welsh electorates sport in a referendim the gifts that are being fashioned for them the new Assemblies and attendant apparatus will take their place in the constitutional arrangements for the kingdom. Seldom can the decisive

debates on measures of this magnitude have exhibited such restricted enthusiasm. The determining argument in the debate (leavilly aside party advantage. disciplinary sanctions and so on) was that in Scotland, and perhaps also in Wales, settled political sentiment now demands appreciable political autonomy within the confines of the state; that where such sentiment prevails it is the course of good government to satisfy it so far as possible; and that to frustrate the Scots, in particular, in that expectation would be to propel them towards separatism. Those MPs who are not impressed by that sequences of argument but . nevertheless did not oppose the passage of the legislation could invoke the promised referendums as a further opportunity of stop-ping the reform by talking the Scots and Welsh out of their apparent desire for it.

If that was the determining

argument it was heard against a background of misgiving about

Preliminary soundings of the Organisation of Petroleum Ex-

porting Countries' ministerial

meeting, due to start at Caracas

on December 20, are now well

advanced. It is there that the

Opec cartel will decide on the

oil price rise for 1978. Western

diplomacy, led by the United

States, has won a significant con-

cession, when the Shah of Iran

indicated this week in Washington that his country would not

be pressing for an immediate or

substantial price increase in

have an obvious interest in pre

serving the maximum appear-

ance of unity in the coming

weeks. Their whole political and financial influence depends on it. There is a clear willing-

ness to compromise in order to

avoid another major split in the

ranks, which led last time to the

two-tier structure of prices in the international oil market.

Without being obliged to give so

much as a reason for his action, the Home Secretary has

power to forbid any foreigner

to enter Britain or remain here.

Such a discretion over the fate

of individuals should be used only seldom, when major issues

of public policy require it. As a

general rule, its use should also

be avoided if its only effect is

to make the Home Secretary and

his discretion look foolish. An

object lesson in bow not to do it was provided yesterday by Mr Merlyn Rees, in the affair of the

Before they ever arrived here,

Mr Rees had his eye on them.

Two of the three were nabbed

on arrival and served with

notices requiring them to leave

(the third was only sported on his way home). Mr Rees rightly

went beyond his obligations under the Immigration Act and

made his reasons public: it was

against public policy, he said, for ex-members of the SS to

promote the publicity and sale

of a certain book attempting to

vindicate its wartime record.

One of the three. Herr Meyer,

was then released from deten-

tion, since his banning order only said that he should be gone

by midnight, like Cinderella,

and the Home Secretary was in

some doubt whether he had the

power to detain an EEC citizen.

Naturally Meyer went off and

held a press conference to pro-

Sir, On February 2, 1926 you published an article by the lare Sir

Ronald Scores concerning the his-

Sir Philip d'Aubigné in the Parvis of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre

Philip d'Aubigné was totte to

Henry III and Governor of the Channel Islands; he joined one of

the expeditions in support of the

Fifth Crusade and reached Jeru-

salem in 1222. He died there in 1236

and according to the mediaeval his-torian Mannew Puris; "merical holy buriel in holy ground, which.

holy buriel in holy ground, which, living be had long desired. The tout was discovered in 1867 before the main door of the Church when a stone beach was removed which

A Crusader's tomb

in Jerusalem.

From Mrs Ailsa Rushbrooke

former SS officers.

The Shah's motives for such

Venezuela.

NEXT YEAR'S PRICE OF OIL

Opec's member countries makes obvious sense.

and

backbenchers of the revolt giving not just about their con inself is most confused. It pretent and its workability but also supposes that the House of about what they portend The Scottish Nationalists welcome, but that the mo numerous reprethe Scotland Bill as a valuable sentation from Scotland (71 salient from which to develop their campaign for independence. As they are the specialists, so to speak, in Scottish national feeling, their view of the measure cannot be safely disregarded—unless it is to be sup-. posed that they secretly would have preferred another parliamentary refusal not of their own making. To that doubt about the effect of the measure on Scotland's relations with the other elements which compose the United Kingdom, are added misgivings about its implicagovernment throughout the kingdom.

> There is a general feeling that the compromise struck in these Bills is an unstable compromise, that it will work only if it is developed, and that the development inherent in the scheme about to be enacted is development in the direction of federalism. It is very far from clear that a move to federalism is what most of those who have thought about it want, or that it is a type of constitution appropriate to the traditions and political geography of the United Kingdom. Yet it is a reasonable conclusion that the establishment of this devolutionary scheme will set up an institutional momentum towards a federation. If so, and since c'est le premier pas qui coûte, there is better reason than Ministers acknowledge for opening the administrations is hard to envisreferendum of endorsement to the whole nation.

The federal implications are

restraint are obvious enough.

The Iranian development pro-gramme and arms budget require

ever increasing oil revenues. A

split in Opec led by Iran could

easily produce a situation in which, faced by Saudi Arabian

pressure to contain a price

increase, such revenues could

fall. Equally, in the field of arms .

and nuclear technology, Iranian development plans are

largely dependent on American

good will. The present Iranian

position, therefore, that it will be

a passive "observer" at Caracas

It should not, however, be assumed that this means that

there will be a total price freeze for the whole of 1978. It would

require a very strong and suc-cessful stand by the Saudi Arabians to achieve that result.

It is more likely that there will

be a moderate increase for the year of well under 10 per cent;

perhaps coming in two stages, even perhaps with a freeze for

Mr Rees was probably right to beery decide not to allow the men in case,

It is only in very serious cases that entry should be denied at

a minister's discretion. Even

when there is reason to expect

the entrant to break the law it

is often better to keep an eye on him but not judge him in

advance. The power should be

used with particular care when,

as in this case, people are banned because they or their

opinions are unpopular. There

would be precious few foreign statesmen allowed into Britain

if the possibility of violent

demonstrations against them was held to rule them out.

necessary to swallow one's distaste when greeting a Pono-

maryov or a Shelepin. The personal histories of the three

German ex-officers may be

blameless by comparison, but the

purpose of their visit made

it right to apply different

standards. The name of the SS

is rightly odious to most Britons

with memories of the war.

and especially to relatives and

co-religionists of the minority

groups who suffered under its

oppression. The book does not

to rebut the overwhelming evidence that the SS was involved

in brutalities wholly unjustified

even by the harsh rules of war.

authorities to levy tax from the Christians; since 1958 when the present work of restoration was commenced it has been covered for

protection by thick wooden planks.

As a direct descendant on my mother's side of Sir Philip's brother, Ralph, I have on a number

of occasions attempted to see the

membetone but until lest month was

unsuccessful in persuading the authorities to allow me to do this.

anthorities to allow me to do this. On this occasion, however, through the interest and kind offices of the Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr Teddy Koliek, and the Guardian of the Holy Sepulchre, Archimandrine Daniel of the Greek Orthodox Church, rogether with his American and Catholic fellow administrators, the stone was uncovered for me on Orthodox 29.

October 29.

had been used for centuries by the be so good condition and the care-

be stone was uncovered for me on AIISA RUSERCOKE, ktober 29.

I am happy to say a appears to Wimbledon, SW19

appear to make a serious aftempt.

In politics it is sometimes

the first six months of the year.

THE BIRDS ARE NOT ONLY FLOWN, BUT SINGING

the book.

Commons can go on as before, members) may legislate on English and Welsh matters which have been devolved for Scotland. Put in party terms that means that a Labour government might be enabled only by virtue of the larger number of its Scottish supporters to impose social legislation on England unwelcome to a majority of English MPs, or vice versa; while those same MPs would in no circumstances be permitted to arrange such matters for Scotland. The situation would not hold. It would have to be repaired either by returning to the legislative omni-competence of Parliament (re-

trieving the devolutionary bone

from the jaws to which it had been handed), or more likely by moving towards a federal

symmetry. Similarly with finance. An administration of the range and political motivation of the proposed Scottish executive, which ver has no responsibility for ruleing its own revenue, is invited to blame every defect and answer every criticism. by reference to its paymasters who will be sitting at Westminster-preplanned friction. That can only be remedied by putting at its disposal substantial sources from which to raise revenue: not just the marginal supplementary" taxes examined and disfavoured by the Government in preparing its legislation. But the apportionment of major sources of revenue between central and regional age on any but a country-wide basis. That too points towards federation.

Such restraint would be ob-

viously welcome for the industrial

world, still struggling to get out

of the present phase of economic

stagnation. Any more substan-

tial increase would threaten to

plunge the world back into full

recession and at the same time

increase inflationary pressures. The danger for the West is that the respire will be taken as an

excuse for continued failure to

develop energy conservation policies to match the global

energy crisis that faces us. The

most serious culprit in this

dominant position it occupies in

the world's energy economy. No

energy programme for the

United States can begin to face

the magnitude of the impending

energy gap, so long as domestic

policies continue artificially to

hold down by regulation the

price of a scarce and expensive

resource, thus encouraging

beery glamour. The book, in any

But the full publicity treatment, with television interview and

press conference, will seem

grossly offensive to most people in Britain. An effective ban would also have demonstrated

to the small minority of Germans

who are returning to the history

of the SS today in a spirit political as well as nostalgic that

genocide never acquires that

golden haze that tends to settle

grace to fulfil the engagements

that it set out to prevent makes nonsense of itself. Whatever offence was anticipated, it has

been given; if breaches of public

order were feared, an oppor-

tunity was created for them to happen. If it was right to issue

a banning order, it would have

been right to hold all the men in

detention until they could be put

on an aeroplane. All that has

been achieved is an extra dose

of publicity for the book. Illegal Commonwealth immi-

grants would not be allowed to

wander round London on their

word of honour until their flight

was called. Until the Home Secre-

tary has the confidence to restrain a banned EEC citizen,

the banning power-a necessary

one in some instances—will

fully carved the teems century Latin inscription HIC IACET

PHILIPPUS DE AUBENGNI CUIUS

ANIMA REQUIESCAT IN PACE

AMEN (Here lies Philip d'Aubingui, may whose soul rest in peace. Amen) and the Daubeny cost of

arms, four fusils in fess, are clearly legible. Of necessity whilst the restore-

tion work continues the stone has been recovered, but I am sure that on completion this English Orusader's grave, the only one known and marked out of the count-

less ermies of the eight crusades, will once more be uncovered to be seen again by all those who visit the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Yours, faithfully,

sometimes be worthless.

But a ban that gives its victim

on ancient clashes of arms.

is not being suppressed.

higher consumption.

more the publicity and sale of It simply passes over them and bathes the Waffen SS in rather

guished Editor.

The leading article in question did mor endorse the criticisms of Le Monde that were made by Herr Frisch. We did, however, consider that Le Monde claimed a freedom of publishing strong comment which made it inappropriate for schem to respond to Herr Frisch's article as they did Abante for Schedul.

From Mr A. Sandman Sir, Long Wave reception is tech-nically more difficult than Medium

Many older sets, powered by the mains, whilst being perfectly adequate on Medium Wave, are very susceptible to interference on Long

Quite a number of pensioners, unable to replace their equipment with VHF apparatus, are not going to be able to receive Radio 4 properly any more. Yours faithfully,

Berlin museum stamps

From Mr Robson Lowe Sir, Having read Mr David Binder's report on the front page of Saturday's issue (November 12), as one of the parties concerned in the matter, I feel you would prefer some minor inaccuracies corrected.

The retired man, Mr D. S., who tried to sell the stamps in question tried to sell the stamps in question at the international stamp exhibition held in Philadelphia in June 1976 offered them to a colleague of mine in my presence for 500,000 dollars. I had been asked to attend the meeting and express my opinion on the genumeness or otherwise of the stamps. The stamps were sealed in a frame but even so, one could say with fair certainty that the stamps were genuine but heavily repaired. They must be the world's worst copies of these ratities.

In reply to a question I expressed my views on the stamps, gave my opinion that in this condition they were not worth 500,000 dollars and

were not worth 500,000 dollars and before they could be sold, that a satisfactory title must be proved.

At no time did I approach the owner with an offer of 500,000 dollars. My view was that if anyone would pay such a price for such fragments then they needed their head examined. If this statement of mine can be interpreted by an American as an offer of 500,000 dollars, then we do not speak the came language.
On my return to London, I looked

up the pedigree of these stamps as described by L. N. and M. Williams in their invaluable volume Stamps of Fame and found they all belonged to the Berlin Museum. After ionged to the Berlin Museum. Arter discussing this interesting discovery on the telephone with Mr Norman Williams, I telephoned the Phila-telic-Fraud Squad at Scotland Yard. Yours faithfully, ROBSON LOWR. 50 Pall Mall, SWI. 50 Pall Mall, SWI.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Use of equipment at fire stations

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From Mr Gordon Bradshap

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ever been.

os faithfully.

Fairways. Laburnum Avenue,

Lyman, Lancashire, November 16,

GORDON BRADSHAW,

From Mr Richard Dawson

RICHARD DAWSON,

From Mr R. W. Annand, VC

Sir, Amid the current controversy over the rights and wrongs of the claim for increased wages made by

without efficient equipment or breathing apparatus.

The situation is highlighted by

The situation is highlighted by
the announcement today of
numerous injuries, as a result of
fire fighting, to soldiers many of
whom have just returned from
hazardous service in Northern
Ireland. It is not possible for a
soldier to strike for more pay.
Yours faighfully,
but ANNAND

From Mr Edgar Palamountain

Sir, The sentiments expressed in the Archbishop of Westminster's thoughtful letter (November 15)

will surely command a large measure of sympashy and assent. Your correspondents of the same day, Mr Barris and Mr Wood, maght

present controversy of the sugges-tion that the right to strike might

R. W. ANNAND. Springwell House, Whitesmocks,

Durham. November 16.

Sir, Will someone in authority be

good enough to come down from Mount Olympus and answer the

Why is it that our young soldiers have to put their bealth and safety

in hazard (and, by extension, the

lives of fire victions), by having to fight appelling fires without the assistance of breathing apparatus, when everyone knows that such apparatus is part of the equipment

If the answer is that the Govern-ment will not authorize the release

of the appearants for fear of offend-ing the trade injurys because of some rubbish about not crossing picket

lines, surely this is the most devastating indictment of a political movement and its ethics there has

Criticisms of Le Monde?

From the Editor of Le Monde Sir, On October 15 The Times published an assonishing leader on Le Monde, in any other publication it would have indeed seemed preposterous and totally irrelevant. But it is deeply disturbing in a highly reputed newspaper with which Le Monde has had a close working relationship for years.

The leader was based on an article that appeared in the German edition of the European Economic Community's magazine. The article, under the byline of Alfred Frisch, makes out that Le Monde's editorial staff consists of "passive writers, political agitators and a hard core of extremists and Communists.", that its editor in chief "sets his course according to the strongest current", and that "cynical nihilists" are "largely responsible for the newspaper's image".

If this is so, then it is surprising that The Times should have taken the initiative to propose to a resm having so little to commend it the agreement which was to lead to the agreement which was to lead to the creation of our common supplement. Europa. But you know perfectly well that Herr Frisch's stlegations are a gramitous arrack and an our and out libel. Besides, the EEC Commission was quick to repudiate the adinor of the magazine which reproduced the allegations and to applicate to Le Monde.

The questions submitted to the European Assembly by three of its members surprised by the publication of the article will probably afford it an opportunity to research the disclaimer. I do not understand how you could have in your leader, it also fitted the country of the fitted that the fitted in the first place, compared "ellega-tions" whose "wildness" must seem clear to you with a "Tribune Libre" in Le Monde, and secondly, how you could have found fault with our Brussels correspondent's section in protesting to the Commisaction in protesting to the Commis-sion over Herr Frisch's article. Finally, I let your readers imagine what would have happened had one of the other newspapers in the Europa venture treated The Times with such offhandedness. Would you not have expected an apology at the very least? Yours sincerely,

JACQUES FAUVET, Le Monde, 5 Rue Des Italiens,

November 5.

"Our leading article caused Le Monde great offence; to that extent we must have been in error, for it was certainly not intended to do so. Le Monde is one of the great independent newspapers of the world, and M Fanver is a most distinguished Relief.

they did, despite its violent language. Of course they had every right to reply to it:

respect remains the United States, if only because of the Europa is an association of inde-Europa is an association of independent newspapers. It can only work that way. We would not have resented such comments as we made on Le Monde had our partners made them about us—indeed we recently accepted without protest friendly criticism—unfortunately justified—from even closer colleagues on The Sunday Times. However, we greatly admire Le Monde and will defend them to the death—when we think they are in the right. death—when the right.

W. R.M. **BBC** wavelength changes

Yours tameury,
A. SANDMAN,
57 Printrose Hill Court,
King Henrys Road, NW3.
November 13.

"private secretaries and personal assistants" whose reports Caprain Roskill discourses is all but unsalmously the other way in regard to both his state of health and his character. Poond's momenand his character. Poond's momen-tary catnaps when he was tired and his leabit of clusing his eyes when in thought were well known more than 20 years before his death, and his enjoyment of a hard day's shooting whenever the oppor-tunity offered during the war, as well as his continued relaxation in driving himself in his fast car, do not stopport the view that he do not support the view that he was a "sick, wors-out figure". Nor, it may be thought, would Churchill have been likely to retain for four years of war as his right-hand adviser in charge of the Nevy a

itself be a constituent of the free bargaining process. It is surely at least conceivable that a majority of those involved (whether as producers or consumers) would prefer a system in which policemen, firemen. power workers and perhaps many other groups, obtained rela-tively high rates of pay contingent upon a renunciation of the right to

strike. Yours faithfully, EDGAR PALAMOUNTAIN. Three Quays, Tower Hill, EC3.

From Mrs Michael Noakes
Sir. We should be careful about
calling upon the Christian consciences of the firemen, and should
do so only after we have, as the
community which employs them,
examined our own. The amount of
money paid to the firemen is a
direct result of their unwillingness
for so long to demonstrate a bargaining position. Relying on these
consciences, and ignoring the calls
that should be made on our own,
we have turned away their just From Mrs Michael Noakes we have turned away their just claims for far too long. Yours faithfully, VIVIEN NOAKES,

146 Hamilton Terrace. St John's Wood, NW8

Sir, Why are escapes and breath-ing apparatus regarded as the per-sonal property of junior firemen? Why, if we must show that we can manage without firemen, must our troops have their hands ned behind their backs? From Mr Edmund Penning-Rowsell Sir, May we be told, please, why, as the many thousands of Ford wor-kers were recently allowed a plus-10 per cent pay deal without official reproof, let alone intervention, the Government, at the risk to life and property, is prepared to die in the last fire-devastated ditch rather than permit some flexibility than permit some flexibility towards the claims of highly skilled firemen whose duties are alike excessively long, often boring and the firemen now on strike no arrention has been given to the injustice of a situation where a soldier is ordered to carry out a fireman's duties for half the pay at present received by the firemen and present received by the firemen and present received the continuent of sometimes dangerous to the point of heroism—all, as shown in your article of November 10, for a very poor wage? Yours faithfully,

EDMUND PENNING-ROWSELL. Yew Tree House

woodszock.

From Mr A. G. C. Trollope Sir, I wonder if it has occurred to Sir, I wonder it it has occurred to anybody that a study of the organi-zation and financing of another great life-saving institution might be worthwhile. I am of course thinking of the Royal National Life-boat Institution, organized by, manned by and run for people who in different ways either by service or he manner work march a comor by money work towards a com-mon objective—the saving of life. The service is supported by those who use it and those who believe in its charter: it is run in small units. There is no charge on the taxpayer except to the extent of the return of income tax to the Institution from those contributions made by people out of their own taxed income.

bries services were started and brandized by the earlier insurance offices. Is it not possible to start again with the fire services with these thoughts in mind? Yours faithfully. A. G. C. TROLLOPE, 34 London Wall, EC2.

be expected to comment, however, that the Archbishop's list of factors affecting differentials seems to be nore the everyiding factor of supply and demand.

Meanwhile, and perhaps surprisingly, little has been heard in the

Two-part pay policy From Mr Leo Russell

Sir, The Government's courage in rigidly adhering to its 10 per cent pay limit and refusing to allow any "special cases" is magnificent but does it really make sense to contime to ignore the widespread and very human desire for pay differentials to reflect varying degrees of skill, experience, responsibility, danger and effort?

The present policy of a standard negretative impresent pound have

percentage increase would have been logical and, I think, generally accepted as fair, if it had been applied invially by the Heath Government in 1973 and again in subsequent years. Instead, we have had fixed-sum plus upper-limit policies which have seriously distorted the delicately balanced system of differentials built up over a love period of time a long period of time.

a long period of time.

As so often happens, the right policy has been applied too late, and the standard percentage now merely has the effect of perpetuating aimations which are felt by even the most reasonable of those concerned to be intolerably unjust. The standard percentage system

will only be accepted as fair if it starts, broadly speaking from a position of fairness. This is not now the case.

The present policy may succeed in holding the flood-gates for a time but the problem of differentials will remain and sooner or later it must be solved. The longer it is left the more difficult it will

ecome.
It is to be hoped therefore that any future pay policy will be in two parts, comprising first a per-centage figure for general applica-tion to compensate for inflation and, secondly, a separate percent-age figure to be used exclusively towards the progressive restoration of previously established relativities and differentials. Experience has shown that the second objective has little chance of being achieved within a single percentage figure, which inevitably becomes the norm. Without some such policy the only alternative seems to be continuing and bitter strife. Yours faithfully,

LEO RUSSELL, Flat 2 17 Ouslow Square, SW7. November 17.

Admiral Pound's health From Captain John Litchfield, RN Sir, The disparaging references to Admiral of the Fleet Sir Dudley Pound. OM, in your defence cor-

respondent's review of Captain stephen Roskill's study of Churchill and the Admirais (November 10) ought not to pass unchallenged. The description of Admirai Pound as a "sick, worn our figure" who
was "not strong enough to cope
with Churchill" is unjustified and
gives an entirely false impression of his condition and character and relationship with Churchill; and the reference to Churchill's " determination to select a First Sea Lord who could be manipulated", if this implies that Pound was Churchill's choice, is very mis-leading. Pound was appointed First Sea Lord three months before Churchill became First Lord, and Churchill's approval of Sir Andrew Cunningham as Pound's successor four years later hardly suggests that he wanted a yes-man in the Admiralty. The evidence of those who knew

Pound—and not only that of the

man whose powers were weakening. Pound was not the man to cling to office if he felt serious doubts about his fitness, and when at the time of the Quebec Conference in 1943 he was disabled by a stroke three weeks before his death he at once rold Churchill (in the White House) that he could not carry on. The disparagement of Sir Dudley Pound (who declined a peerage serves to perpetuate a myth which by repetition is in danger of creating a caricature that may become accepted by posterity as a definitive portrait. The performance of the Royal Navy under his supreme direction throughout the st critical years of the war, and his own overall record, surely entitle him to be judged in the light of the fortunes as well as the misfortunes which were encountered on the way, and the end-result. Yours faithfully. JOHN LITCHFIELD, Spowfield, Bearsted, Maidstone, Kent.

Britain's exports

From Sir Frederick Catherwood Sir, Mr David Wood reports today (November 7) that "North Sea oil flows in increasing abundance" but that, among other things, "poor ex-port performance sports the pic-If he cares to consult your

Economic Correspondent he will find that exports have had an excellent year, rising in stagment world markets by 13.7 per cent in volume in the past quarter, and that Britain's wade would still be in balance without the year's improvement in oil revenue. Yours fainfully, F. CATHERWOOD, British Overseas Trade Board.

Mapping buried history

From the Director-General of the National Trust Sir, Your leader of November 12

and letters from Professor Thomas (November 14), Professor Cunlifie (November 12) and others have drawn attention to the decision to disband the Ordnance Survey's specialized archaeological section. The National Trust has learnt of

this with dismay. It has in its cure an immense number of antiqu and it needs to know what it owns if it is to preserve them adequately for the nation. To compile this information, the staff of the Trust have for a number of years made very extensive use of the information accumulated by the recording section and the field investigators of the Archaeology Division of the of the Archaeology Division of me Ordnance Survey, and kept in their library in Southampton, Thanks to these records, good progress has been made with the preparation of hand lists of all that the Trust owns of archaeological interest; more-over the right management of the Trust's properties for permanent preservation depends on this specialized knowledge being avail-able to guide us. able to guide us.

The hand lists have still to be The mand lists have still to be completed. They will need revision from time to time to incorporate new information which might have a bearing on how a property is best looked after. The Trust does not know of any satisfactory substitute for the specialized work of the field investigators, complemented by the recording staff. by the recording staff.

We have a high regard for the quality of their work and for its value to the practical management of antiquities. The changes now proposed seem certain to disrupt the programme of classification, description and interpretation of archaeological sites and to reduce the usefulness of the archaeological library maintained by the Ordnance Survey. May I urge that the decision is reconsidered? ours faithfully,

J. D. BOLES, Director-General, The National Trust. 42 Queen Anne's Gare, SW1, November 15.

From Projessor R. J. C. Atkinson November 12 is welcome and timely; but it does not mention the deterioration in the mapping of antiquities which has already taken place in recent years. Let me give two brief examples two brief examples.

On the former One Inch scale, the 10 km National Grid square which includes Stonehenge marked 213 archaeological sites, by symbols or lettering or both. My own sheet cost me three shillings (15p) in 1949. The corresponding sheet of the new 1:30,000 map costs 140p, for only 89 per cent of the area. The adoption of the new metric scale has increased the area available for legible cartographic delineation by more than 60 per cent; but in spite of this the same 10 km square now marks only 176 monuments, a reduction of 17 per cent. At the old Six Inch scale, the 213 archaeological sites, by symbols

At the old Six Inch scale, the complex earthworks of Maiden Castle, Dorset, were carefully de-lineated by draughtsmen who knew how to use a mapping pen, and gave as much detail as the scale allowed. On the new 1:10,000 map the same earthworks are depicted in a crude and mechanical convention, although the space available for precise draughtsmanship is 12 per

cent greater than before. Yours sincerely, R. J. C. ATKINSON, The Old Rectory, Wenvoe, Cardiff.

Refurbishing the SS image From Mr lain Johnstone

Sir, By coincidence you report in separate parts of today's paper (November 16) on two men who combined, 33 years ago, to produce one of the rarest acts of mercy in the last war. Dr Graeme Warrack was the

medical officer at Arnhem who pleaded with the Germans for a cease fire to enable more than a thousand wounded British soldiers to be handed over to the enemy for treatment in their hospitals.

Walter Obersturmbannführer Harzer was the SS officer who ensured that this was carried out. He is one of the three SS officers who want to come to Britain to promote a book about their

organization. While deprecating his current mission. I feel the Prime Minister should know that there are quite a few veterans of that battle who have reason to feel grateful to Colonei

Harzer. Yours faithfully. IAIN JOHNSTONE, 76 Campden Hill Road, W8. November 16.

Uffington White Horse

From Mr David Astor
Sir. As at present I hold the land on
which the prehistoric Uffington
White Horse and Castle stand, may
I reply to the recent letter (November 4) from Henry Moore and
others? For some time, I have
wished to make over these monuments to the National Trust and
to necotiate suitable arrangements to negotiate suitable arrangements for future car parking with the local authority. With their cooperation, I feel confident that the monuments can be protected. It would also be possible to enhance the setting in which they stand. Larger areas of downland surrounding them could be laid down to permanent grass and be made avail-able to the public.

The principal cause of the damage has been that the growing numbers of people visiting this hill for boliday and recreational purposes are at present confined in a small space. With this in mind, my advi-sers have evolved a plan for open-ing it all up. The hope is to enable visitors to disperse over a larger arez and, in particular, to deel with the car problem. Yours faithfully,

DAVID ASTOR, 9 Cavendish Avenue, NWS. November 16.

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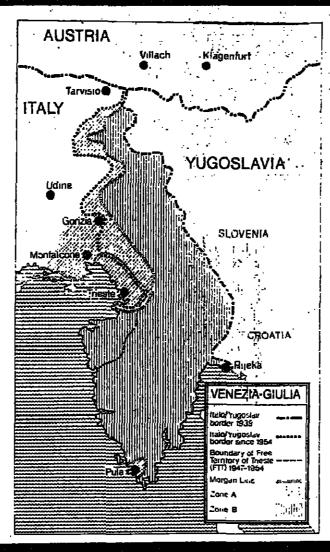
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The brink of the Cold War

historians has been the confrontation between the Western Allies and the Yugoslavs in Trieste in May and June 1945. The true dimensions became civilians were gathered. One or apparent only when the War Cabiner papers for the period were made available under the Thirry Years rule.

Sir Geoffrey Cox, who experi enced the crisis on the spot as Intelligence Officer to the New Commander General on those papers to tell the full Race for Trieste. In this extract he describes the final and decisive phase of the crisis. bridge the local Partisans and the Yugoslav troops stood in irritated silence alongside the British and American sentries On the great cornice road which is cut into the rock above the sea between Monfalcone and Trieste, our supply trucks wound in and out of the columns of marching Tito troops, some of them Mohammedans with faces as dark as Moors. In the fields, on all the straregically important hills and

I drove from Miramare into

Trieste lu front of Brigadier Genery's headquarters swood New Zealand sentries. their bayoners fixed, their posture slack and yet alert. At the corner tow Shermans stood facing a Yugoslav Stuart tank. Opposite, some sort of Tito One event in postwar history headquarters tran over which has attracted surprisingly in a bistro which proclaimed which has attracted surprisingly in a bistro which proclaimed which has attracted surprisingly in the little of the beautiful to be inappropriately with the little of t enough, the "Bar Nationale" pavement outside 2 Yugoslav platoon was parading. Ourside the botel door a few

> two were white-faced, with redrimmed eyes, and they gazed towards the doorway as if it led to the promised land. Others were just part of a normal, unconcerned Saturday afternoon crowd. The front of the hotel was marked with fresh bullet holes where the Yugoslavs had fired when a crowd had demonour patrols and the Yugoslavs It must have been as wearying

British and American notes deafter Truman's conference in the White House. It was forthright "No". Tito refuse

Yugoslavs found themselves slav Under-Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs handed me ported to the Foreign Office.

merely a repetition of counter-proposal which Field Alexander already rejected. He conhim in no doubt that I considered Tito's reply unsatisfactory. bluntly that His Majesty's Government and the United their stand on a matter of principle on which they could not and would not yield. He had nothing further to say and he was obviously acutely

nervous and unhappy. our rejoinder to be swift and decisive". Tito should be told that unless he was prepared to eccept in full within a given time limit the Allied proposals. Field Marshal Alexander should be instructed to occupy in force the whole region up to the Morgan, as the minimum Anglo-American demand.

In London the Prime Minister as quick to urge such action on to the Americans. He was Alexander. In one the Field Marshal revised his estimane of the morale of his troops. He had earlier argued that "both the United States and British troops would be very reluctant to engage at this against the Yugoslavs was 'In the other message bo said he was no longer prepared to accept—as he had been earlier—that the Yugoslav Yugoslav administration in Trieste might

continue to function. The Prime Minister stressed that he did not envisage war with the Yugoslavs, but that immediate action was necessary "otherwise we shall merely appear to have been bluffing and will in fact be bluffed out". He reminded the President that Alexander had pointed out that if Tito refused either to put his Alexander's command, or refused to withdraw from the area, "it will inevitably lead to armed conflict, since I must very soon insist on the proper functioning of my AMG. For example, I must remove Tito's with my own. I cannot allow my

Yugoslav posts or sentries." The Prime Minister went on to argue that in these circumstances the line the President had drawn as to when American troops could or could not be used was too rigid.

President Truman was not going to be hustled by his allies any more than he had been deterred by the critics in Washington of his decision on May 11. He still saw no reason why a shooting war. One key figure m this conflict had not yet shown his hand—Joseph Stalin. The Soviet leader had been kept fully informed of the British and conflict had not American notes to Tito, but he had not responded. But equally of his support for Tito.

Truman therefore decided that we might still get our way pressure was intensified on the Yugoslav leader, though we

United States.
I asked General Eisenhower if he could send three divisions to the Brenner Pass, or above Trieste. I asked Admiral King whether he could send some units of the Mediterranean Fleet to the Adriatic, and how long it would take to get them there. and the to get them there.

I told him to alert the necessary ships. I asked General Arnold what air squadrons he could move, and I asked him to alert them.

The response of the com-manders was indeed dramatic. Eisenhower reported that he was prepared to dispatch Gen-eral Patton with up to five armoured divisions to the the Brenner Pass and if neces-sary into Italy. Admiral King reported that units of the Mediterranean Fleet had been notice. An area around Rimini was designated as an operational base. It was then, as now, the main holiday area for the industrial north and had many hotels which could be used as barracks and hospitals. In Rimini inself and in the surrounding countryside, 25,000 Italian civilians were notified that they must evacuate their homes to make way for the incoming reinforcements. On May 16 a British payal force arrived at Trieste, rhrough a channel which had by then been swept through the minefields. The American infantry battalion American infantry battalion stationed in Trieste was regrouped with its parent formation near Corizia in readiness for bartle. In Belgrade, British and American citizens were warned to be ready to leave and the Embassy staffs of both

were, even in normal circum-stances, likely to attract the attention of the Soviet observers and Soviet agents. Made vers and Soviet agents. To this array of hard facts Field Marshal Alexander now acded some hard words. On May 19 he issued an Order of the Day to the troops under his command intended in part to prepare them for possible battles ahead, in part as a blow

changes should be made only after thorough study and after full consultation and

Venezia Giulia and territory around Villach and Klagen Action of this kind would be all too reminiscent of Hitler, Mussolini and Japan, It is to have been fighting this was -it is our duty to hold these their ultimate disposal is settled at the Peace Conterence.

pressure President This Truman now supported by a Sunday, May 20, he told the Sovier leader that Tito's reply had been entirely unsatisfac-tory, and that the Americans could not accept any compro mise upon the principles of an order and just settlement, and are so informing Tito", He the American case, one which the Russian leader could against Tito, and a detailed justification, in advance, of any military actions on which the Western Allies might embark. Churchild sent message to Stalin.

This powerful pressure worked Milovan Dillas then one of Tito's closest associates. (Wartime, Diilas, Secker and Warburg, 57.95) that the of the Soviet Union to support the Yugoslavs. The Allies three out of Trieste and its that, after such a terrible was day after Alexander had issued proclamation to the troops Ambassador British and announced that the slavs would make a major move towards acceptance Western Alexander would establish, and provided this AMG worked through the authorities which the At the same time Tito issued a pained rebuttal of the charge in Alexander's message. Yugoslav leader sæid:

resentment and surprise a that the presence of Yugosla proops, in Istria and Slovene Littoral is similar to Hitler's Mussokini's and be thrown in the face of an enemy. It cannot be thrown at a tortured Ally who has been bled white and who has until now been recognized by self-scarifice in this great wat Army expelled the enemy by the might of their arms from the area up to the River Soca (the Isonzo) and beyond, and he attributed to its presence

He had instructed the Allied forces in the area to move for-

Army Group, who was ible to Alexander f Venezia Giulia and Austria, decided in p can infantry and ranks, should

to shun the limelight. most column. He has given his own account of what happened (Calculated Risk, Mark Clark

Approaching Gorizia, the road led under a railway bridge, and there the Yugo-slavs had set up a road block.
Our column had halted short of the bridge, waiting for the ranenusiv.
"When do you advance?"

asked the column commander as my jeep pulled up beside

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All right: come along said and motioned my driver to proceed under the bridge. allow one vehicle to pass 154 lowed us with no difficulty.

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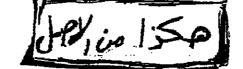
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BUCKINGHAM PALACE November 17: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh this morning attended a Service at the Chapel attended a Service at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Institution of the Order of Medit. Queen. Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present.

Her Majesty and his Royal Highness were received upon arrival by the Bishop of London (Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal).

(Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal).

The Lady Susan Hussey, the Right Hon Sir Philip Moore and Lieutenant Robert Guy, RN, were in attendance.

The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh give a luncheon party at Butchigham Palace for members of the Order of Merit at which Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma Earl Mounibation of Burma and the Lady Pamela Hicks were

Barl Mounibasten of Burma and the Lady Pamela Hicks were present.

The following had the honour of being invited i Mr and Mrs Graham Sutherland, Mr Henry Moore, Professor Dorothy Hodg-kin, Sir. William and Lady Walton, the Lord and Lady Zuckerman, the Right Hon Malcolm MacDonald, the Lord and Lady Penney, Dame Veronica Wedg-wood, Sir Isaiah and Lady Berlin, Sir George and Lady Edwards, Professor Sir Alam and Lady Berlin, Sir George and Lady Edwards, Professor Sir Alam and Lady Hodg-kin, the Right Hon Harold Macmillan, the Lord Hinton of Bankside, the Lord Clark, Sir Ronald Syme, the Lord and Lady Franks, the Lord and Lady Todd, Sir Frederick Ashton, Mr and Mrs J. B. Priestley, Sir Edward Ford (Secretary and Registrar of the Order of Merit) and the Hon Lady Ford, the Bishop of London (Dean of Her Majesty's Chapels Royal) and Mrs Ellison and the Reverend Canon James Mansel (Sub-Dean of the Majesty's Chapels Royal).

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The Oness and the Duke of Edinburgh beld an Evening Reception at Buckingham Palace for the Diphomatic Corps at which: Queen Rizabeth The Queen Mother, The Duke of Kent, Prince Michael of Kent and Admiral of the Fleet the Earl Mountbatten of Burma were present.

The String Orchestra of the Irish Guards played selections of music during the evening.

Her Majesty's Body, Guard of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemena tarms, The Queen's Rodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Honourable Corps of Gentlemena tarms, The Queen's Rodyguard of the Yeomen of the Guard and a dismounted detachment of the Honsebold Cavalry were on duty.

The Duke of Edinburgh, President of the Royal Society of Arts, this afternoon at Buckingham Palace presented the Presidential Awards for Design Management, His Royal Highness later presented the 1977 GEC Design Council Schools Design Prize.

The Prince of Wales, Colonel, Welsh Guards, left Heathrow Airport, London, this morning in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen's Flight for Germany to visit the 1st Betailion on training in Schleswig Holstein. By command of The Queen the Real of Westmorfand (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this afternoon upon the departure of Sir Zelman Lowen (Governon-General designate of Aus

KENSINGTON PALACE November 17: Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon presented The Hospital Saving Association's Silver Jubilee Awards to winners of The National Association of Leagues of Hospital Friends in the Queen Elizabeth Hall.

Mise Lane Reacton Workshop to the Prince of Hospital Lane Reacton Workshop to the Prince of Hospital Lane Reacton Workshop to the Hall. Miss Jane Egerton-Warburton was in attendance.

NOVEMBER 17: The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, today visited the factories of William Broady & Son Limited, Recidit & Colman Limited and Bartoline Limited, during his Export Year visit to Humberside.

His Royal Bighness, who YORK HOUSE His Royal Highness, who travelled in an arcraft of The Queen's Flight, was attended by Captain James Greenfield.

Birthdays today

Luncheons

Dr C. H. Bolsover, 67; Sir Leslie Bowes, 84; Viscount Boyd of Mer-ton, 73; Sir Bruce Fraser, 67; Lieutenant-General Sir Otway Her-bert, 76; the Earl of Malmesbury, 70; Professor C. A. W. Manning, 83; Lord Rhyl, 71; Sir Alex-auder Turner, 76; Mr Justice Watkins, VC, 59.

RAF Benevolent Fund The RAF Benevolent Fund spent The KAF Benevolent Fund spent f1,127,769 on relief of distress during the first nine months of this year. Its convalencent and residential home near Worthing is being extended at a cost of more than £800,000.

By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent Peter Newcombe, a Northampsonshire artist, yesterday saw the Goga ilthograph he had bonght a year ago for £1 in a country anction sold at Sotheby's for £16,000 (estimate £8,000 to £10,000). Mr Newcombe knew what he was doing. Having seen the print at the auction view, he went home and checked it. When he returned for the sale there were no other bidders and he secured it for £1. The lithograph, entitled "Woman reading", dates from the 1820s, when Goya was first experimenting with iithography, it was never published and only eight or nine other proofs are recorded. The fime impression sold yesterday, also a proof, was hitherto unknown. It was bought by Eberhard Konnfeld, a Zurich print dealer and autioneer, for his own collection. The sale of Old Master prints was oustandingly successful, totalling £191,650, with only two lots worth £100 unsold. Collectors and dealers were prepared to pay a notable premium for fine impressions or unusual works. A very fine impression of Rembrandt's "Landscape with an chelsisk" mazie £10,000 (estimate £6,500 to £8.500). An unusual

HM Covernment I'm Government

Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of
State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a
luncheon at 1 Cariton Gardens
yesperday in honour of the
Colombian Ambassador.

Book Club Associates
Mr S. T. Remangion, Chief Executive of Book Club Associates, presided at a Inncheon at Goldsmiths' Hall yesterday, when he presented a donasion to the deputy chairman of the National Irust, for the fund to acquire 2 sention of Hadrian's Wall. Mr James Forde-Johnston, author of the new history, Hadrian's Wall, was present. Among others

present were:

Mr D. A. Aciand. Mr Algeron Asprey.
Mr P. H. Esgrati. Miss. IIII Bennett.
Mr P. W. Bennett. Mr Bones Brodin.
Mr P. W. Bennett. Mr Bones Brodin.
Mr Aim, Brooks. Mr David Chips. Mr
Henry Clevre. Mr William Desdes. Mr
Richard Douglas-Boyd. Mr F. C. A.
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Graham C. Dreens. Sale Mescale MolGraham. Chrones. Mr Michael MolMr S. M. W. Burnby General BolPortick Howard-Dobson. Mr Graham
Hughes, Mr W. B. L. Jamiesob. Mr
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Highes Mr W. B. L. Jamiesob. Mr
Hon Mrs Anihes Joseph. Dr I. H.

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to continue our work.

he Secretary-General of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, Sir Robin Vanderfelt, gave a buffet luncheon at 7 Old Palace Yard yesterday in honour of members and officials of the Canadian House of Commons Standing Committee on Manage-ment and Members' Services.

Braham
Lieutenant-Colontl J. C. du Parc
Braham gave a luncheon for the
Colombian Ambassador prior to
his departure, at the City Livery
Club, on Wednesday, November
16. Other guests included the
Peruvian Ambassador, Mr Michael
Soow and Mr R. A. Macbell:

Dinners

Mr G. B. Fairbairn and Miss E. M. Riddell

and Miss C. Thornton
The engagement is announced
between Michael, son of the late
Mr. M. O'Callaghan and of Mrs K.

Dr J. A. Roche and Miss M. C. Hidalgo
The engagement is announced between James, second son of the late Alex E. Roche and Mrs Roche, of 36 Melbury Gardens, Wimbledon, London, and Carmen, only daughter of Don Segundo Hidalgo and Dona Elvira, of 37 Cromwell Road, South Kensington.

Mr N. G. Rose and Mrs W. C. Farmer and Mrs W. C. Farmer
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, youngest son of
Dr and Mrs B. W. G. Rose, of
Appleton, Oxfordshire, and Wendie, only daughter of Mr and Mrs
F. Price, of Braintree, Essex.

Mr H. Finegold and Miss K. H. Lindsay

Mr P. Meredith Hardy and Miss A. K. McInnes The marriage took place on Fri-day, November 11, in London between Mr Peter Meredith Hardy, younger son of Mr Patrick Mere-dith Hardy, of Bembridge Isle of Wight, and of Mrs Anne Meredith Hardy of Horsmonder, Kent, and Wight, am of hers Ande Merrenton Hardy, of Horsmonden, Kent, and Miss Alison Karrina McInnes, only daughter of Dr and Mrs Alastair McInnes, of Raunds, Northampton-

conspiracy to commit a felony in that between January 1, 1950, and October 20, 1952, they conspired in Kenya with persons not before the court, by use of physical force or by threat or intimakation, to compel persons in Kenya to take an oath, or engagement in the nature of an oath, purporting to bind those taking it to act, or not to act, in any particular way. Each defendant is then charged with conspiracy to effect an unlawful purpose. Three different purposes are alleged. The first is to excite disaffection against the colony of Kenya, the second is to raise discontent among the inhabitants, and the third is to promote feelings of ill will and hostlity between different classes of the population. 25 years ago From The Times of Tuesday, November 18, 1952

London Solicitors' Company was held at Stationers' Hall yesterday. evening. The Master, Mr E. Fowler, was in the chair, and other speakers were Sir George Baker, President of the Family Division. Mr F. N. Sterner, Chief Commoner, and Mr N. L. Hell, Junfor Warden, Among the gnests were: the President of Siom College, the Masters of the Bowyers', Scriveners', Turpers' and Master Mariness' companies, the Master of the Company of Stationers and Newspaper Makers, the President of the City of Wastminster Law Society. and the President of the Holors Law Society. **Business Graduates Association** Business Graduates Association
The Business Graduates Association held their tenth annual
dinner last night at the Piccadilly
Hotel. The chairman, Mr John
Pulford, presided, and the guest
of honour was Mr Peter Parker,
Chairman of British Rail. Reception Royal Institute of Internation Royal College of General Mr Andrew Shoufield, Director of

The first of 50 Leonardo drawings from the Queen's collection at Wind-

sor being unpacked yesterday at the Royal Academy, where they will

engraving, "Death and a mide man", by the Master AW, made £1,050 (estimate £300 to £500).

A new auction record price for a violin, and a record price for any musical instrument, was paid by J. & A. Beare, the Wardons Street dealers, for a losepr Guarneri del Gesù of 1734 at £115,000. Not even a Stradivari has matched that at auction; the Greffuhle Stradivari made £98,808 in New York last April. A Joseph Guarneri was announced as breaking all records at £105,000 last

may; however, Sotheby's have now disclosed that it was unsold at that price and later found a purchaser in a private breaty sale at £90,000.

at £90,000.

Joseph Guarneri is generally considered the most distinguished violin maker of his extensive family and, moreover, one of the best ever. The violin sold yesterday was exceptionally well preserved, with few alterations or restorations; it had belonged in the nineteenth century to the Joseph Gillott collection, one of the finest private collections of violins ever formed.

Joseph Gillort Collection, one of the finest private collections of violins ever formed.

It made the second highest price in the sale when his collection was sold at Christle's in 1872; the highest was £290 for the "Emperor" Stradivari. Beare

£1 Goya is sold for £16,000

The President and Officers of Council of the Royal College of General Practitioners gave a dinner, to celebrate the silver jubilee of the college to the mambane.

Lord Amulree, Lord and Lady Hunt of Fawley, Lord Plain, Dame Annis Gillie, Dr. L. Batten, Mrs P. S. Byrne, Dr and Mrs J. Cottrell, Mr and Mrs A. Evans, Dr and Mrs J. F. Fleetwood, Dr and Mrs W. S. Gardner, Dr J. M. Henderson, Dr and Mrs J. Dr and Mrs R. J. F. Pinsent, Dr A. Talbot Rogers, Dr and Mrs R. A.

Service luncheon

those present were:

Royal Artillery Council of Scotland Major-General R. M. Somerville, Colonel Commandant, Royal Artil-lery, presided at the antumn meet-ing and luncheon of the Royal Artillery Council of Scotland held at Craigleball, Edinburgh, yester-day. Among those present were: at Craiglehall, Edinburgh, yesterday. Among those present were:
Loionel Lord Kintes. LiouterantGeneral Six Parks. LiouterantGeneral Six Parks. Languages.
Lentonant Committee Thomas. Brigader
Committee Wilson. Lieuterant-Coionel
Allister Thom. Major Donald Cameron,
Brigader A. A. Fielder, Brigader S. P.
Robertson. Colonel P. M. Brown.
Colonel L. C. Campbell. Colonel
R. J. C. Pieming. Colonel N. M.
Sharp. Colonel N. B. C. Teacher.
Colonel A. S. Weston-Bead. Colonel
T. R. R. Weston. Lieuterant-Colonel
T. R. R. Reston. Lieuterant-Colonel
H. Branico. Liauterant-Colonel
Wiley and Major W. H. Campbell.

Service dinners

HMS Daedalus
Rear-Admiral J. O. Roberts, Flag
Officer Navil Air Command, was
the guest of honour at a danner
held last night in the Wardroom,
HMS Daedalus, to commemorate
the anniversary of the battle of
Taranto. Commander A. J. White,
RN, presided, and Captain D. F.
Robbins, RN, Captain of HMS
Daedalus, was among those
present.

The Black Watch The annual gathering dinner of The Elack Watch, Royal Highland

Latest wills

Mr Denys Eyre Bower, of Eden-bridge, left a net figure of nil. By his will dated February 20, 1971, he left all his property in-cluding Chiddingstone Castile, all his lands at Chiddingstone and his Smart, Jacobite, oriental and Egyptian collections to the Natio-nal Trust.

nal Trust.
Other estates include (net, before tax; tax not discussed):
Buss, Mr Cecil Stephen, of Ashtead, Surrey, textile manufacturer £108,662

Advent carol service

An Advent carol service is to be

held in Westminster Abbey on

participants in the third Anglo-Soviet Round Table, led by Academician Nikolai Inozemtsev. A digner was held afterwards for

5th Indian Division

Former Officers of the 5th Indian

Division held their annual dinner

at the Naval and Military Club

last night. Lieutenant-General Sir Geoffrey Evans presided, and Brigadier M. Mayadas, Indian

Military Attaché, and Brigadier H. M. H. Ley were guests.

RAF Innsworth

Air Chief Marshal Sir John

Aiken, Air Member for Personnel,
was the chief guest at a dinner
in the officers mess of RAF

Innsworth yesterday evening after
his visit to the RAF Personnel

Management Centre. Wing Commander D. G. Webb presided,
and other guests included Air

Vice-Marshal C. E. Ness, Director
General, Personnel Management,
RAF, and Air Commodore C. A.

Grennan, Air Officer Commanding, RAF Personnel Management
Centre.

Francis, Mr Reginald Herbert, of Wandsworth, quantity surveyor £169,780 Gorrill, Mrs Minnie Mary Kath-leen, of Newcastle upon Tyne £114,809

Gornall, Mr John, of Goosnargh, Lancashire, farmer ... £115,296 Owen-Browne, Mr Colin, of Dul-wich, managing director, Evening News, London (intestate) £115,277

November 27 for the first time since the Reformation. The clergy and choir will join a procession to the Sacrarium from west to east, symbolizing the emergence from darkness to light. The muon is an elementary experiments were said to have particle that is identical with an electron except that its mass is

The explanations were based on

that has been unexplained for thirty years.

About the beginning of April this year—a date that has no deep significance in this context—it was rumoused that physicists had found some connexion between the mean and the electron. Although the rumours were not confirmed, explanations of the contexion were soon proposed, and a variety of numerical limits were set on how often the rumoured process should occur.

occur.

The process is that of a muon

Historians win Wolfson awards

By Ion Trewin Literary Editor

The new season of literary prizes reached its middle phase yesterday with the presentation of four awards amounting to nearly \$10,000.

F10,000.

The Wolfson Literary Awards, the main prizes for non-fiction in Britain, have gone to two Oxford historians. Mr Denis Mack Smith, a fellow of All Souls, was awarded \$5,000 for contributions to the study of Italian history. They began in 1954 with Victor Emmanual Contract and the Riscognization. gan in 1954 with Victor Emmanuel Cavour and his Risurgimento, which established his reputation in Italy as well as England as a scholar and writer of distinction. His most recent book, particularly singled out by the judges, was Mussolini's Roman Empire (Longman). His History of Italy is accepted by Italian historians as the best survey of the history of thir country. their country

A second prize, of £4,000, went to Mr Simon Schama, a fellow of Brasenose College, Oxford, who, like Mr Mack Smith, spent has early years as an historian at Cambridge. He was awarded the prize for his first book, Patriots and Liberators (Collins), an impressive study of the influence of the French Revolution and French occupation on The Netherlands.

The judges, Lord Bullock, Lord Briggs, Professor J. H. Plumb, Mr Michael Rarcliffe and Dr Keith Thomas, made particular note of Mr Schama's age, and remarked: "Rarely can a young historian of 32 have been so universally recognized as a master of his profession." His next book, Two Rothschilds and the Land of Israel, will be published next year.

The two other prizes awarded yesterday were for fiction. The Geoffrey Fabr Memorial Prize, worth £50, was made to Carolyn Slaughter for The Story of the Weasel (Hart-Davis, MacGibton). The third award, the David Higham Prize for Fiction, was made to Patricia Finney, for her novel A Shados of Gulls (Collins). The award aims to give encouragement to a first novel or collection their country.

A second prize, of £4,000, went

The sale also contained an Antonio Stradivari violin of 1727 at £46,000 (estimate £50,000) which also sold to J. & A. Bear. The sale totalled £452,665, with 6 per cent unsold. At Lawrence's, of Crewkerne. a resounding new auction record was established for William Turner of Oxford, the watercolourist, when a view of Portsmouth Harbour with shepherds in the foreground made £11,000 (estimate £5,000 to £8,000). The sale totalled £77,955 with 31 minor lots of 176 unsold. The award aims to give encouragement to a ilrst novel or collection of short stories and is worth \$350.

Miss Finney was 17 when she

Latest appointments Latest appointments include:

unsold.

Sotheby's sales of gold boxes, watches and clocks and Russian works of art in Zurich on Wednesday made £579,847, with 20 per cent unsold. An unnamed English buyer paid 220,000 francs or £54,862 for a richly ornate George III gilt metal and enamel musical automaton, table clock. It bears the signature: "W. H. Craft, invented 1773, finished 1796." Dr D. A. J. Tyrrell, FRS, deputy director of the Medical Research Council's chemical research centre, Northwick Park, to be a managing trustee of the Nuffield Founda-

tion.

Mr John Lunch, former DirectorGeneral of the Port of London
Authority; Mr Henry Mounsey, a
senior partner in a Liveryond firm
of chartered accountants; and Mr
Donald Redford, managing director and chairman of the Manchester Ship Canal Company, have
been elected to the committee of
management of the Royal National
Life-boat Institution.

Mr I. S. Davey, aged 39, senior In Paris yesterday Ader et Picard sold an early-eighteenth-century chinoiserle Beauvals tapes-try, "L'audience du Prince" for 250,000 francs or £28,409. Murray Scott, Dr and Mrs A, Smith, Dr G. Swift and Dr and Mrs G, L.

Mr J. S. Davey, aged 39, senior assistant master at Roedean, to be Principal of St Brundon's School, Clevedon, from next September, in succession to Mr Peter Searle.

Prospective candidate

Mrs Rosemary Brown, freelance journalist, of London, to be prospective parliamentary Conservative candidate for Truro. At the general election Mr David Penhaligon had a majority of 464 in a four-cornered contest. the Royal Institute of International Affairs, and Lord Trevelyan, chairman, were hosts at a recep-tion at Chatham House yesterday

University news

Oxford ORIEL COLLEGE. Bishop Fraser Scholarship, 1977-78: P. L. Mitchell formerty of Chisiehurst and Sidoup GS. Appointments

participants and guests who in-cluded: The Rev G. E. Ellion, Vicar of Suiton St James's with Suiton St Edmund. diocese of Lincoln, to the united benefice of Wadingsmid while olitherey, make diocese. free of Wadingstate Wild officers, annu discose.

The Rev. J. S. Richardson, curate of St Michael and All Angels. Bramcote, descess of Southwest, to be curate-in-charge of Emmanuel Church Centre, Southill, Radipole and Melcombe Regis, taum ministry, discess of Southwest, to be Archdescon of Nottingham, same discess.

The Rev R. K. Williamson, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels. Bramcote, d'ocrese of Southwest, to be Archdescon of Nottingham, same discess. giment, was held in the Station Regiment, was neut in me station Hotel, Perth, yesterday evening. Brigadier J. C. Monteith, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. A message of loyal greetings was sent to Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother, Colonel in Chief of The Black Watch, who was graciously meased to renty.

S. N. Ball, who, as reported on November 3, has been awarded a Gibbs prize in law, is a member of St Hugh's College, Oxford, not New College.

Today's engagements

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The Duke of Edinburgh visits
Lucas Industries Group research
centre, Shirley, West Midlands,
12:30; as president of National
Federation of Housing Associations, visits Moseley Action
Area, Ladypool Road, Birmingham, 4.
Princess Alexandra attends final
consecration service, Blackburn
Cathedral, 11:30; attends
luncheon given by Mayor of
Blackburn, Blackburn Town
Hall, 12:50; visits factory of
Shorrock Developments, Shadsworth Road, Blackburn, 2:55.
Keele University, Earl Lecture:
"Popular Jacobidism is
eighteenth-century Staffordshire", Professor Douglas Hay,
3:15.
Vintage Car Auction, Alexandra
Palace, 11.
Memorial service: Mr J. B. D.
Lakin, St James's, Piccadilly,
12:30.

Supper party TAVE Association

The TAVR Association for Greater Lancashire, farmer ... £115,296
Owen-Browne, Mr Colin, of Dulwich, managing director, Evening
News, London (intestate) £115,277
Turner, Mr Douglas William, of
Birmingham, company chairman
£584,151
Theobald, Mr Henry Herbert, of
Canvey Island £111,932

The TAVR Association for Greater
London held a supper party at the
Ordin of York's Headquarters,
Chelsea, yesterday evening. The
chairman, Colonel A. F. Niekirk,
was in the chair. The guests induded General Sir Antony Read,
Major-General R. P. W. Wall,
Brigadier J. Ghika and Alderman
F. H. M. Craig-Cooper.

OBITUARY

MR ARTHUR FAGE

Early work in aerodynamics

Mr Arthur Fage, CBE, FRS, own apparatus. This back-FRAeS, whose death of ground afforded Fage the November at the age of 87 experience to write The Aero-has already been briefly plane, five editions of which Physical Laboratory.

Arthur Page was born at Portsmouth on March 4, 1390, the last of the four children of William John and Annie Fage. In 1904 he became an apprentice shipwright at Portsmouth many scientific papers, securing tice shipwright at Portsmouth Dockyard (where his father was a coppersmith), thus securing entry to the rigorous education and the highly competitive environment of the Royal Dockyard School. Here he met Ernest Relf, who was to be a lifelong friend and colleague. In 190°, the two of the my on scholarships to the Royal College of Science. In 1912 they both graduated aproximation of the kiter stages of Fage's career, increasing amounts of Royal College of Science. In 1912 they both graduated ARCS with high honours and were awarded scholarships to research in the recently instr-tuted aerodynamics section of the Engineering Department at working in this section in 1912, no less than four—including both Fage and Relf—were to be elected Fellows of 'be Royal Society. In 1925, Fage became Deputy Superintendent of a by now separate Aerodynamics Department, and in 1946 he followed Relf as Superintendent. Superintendent.

In the early days of acrodynamics recearch at the NPL,
little specialization was possible, the scientific staff dealing with problems as they
arose, often themselves designing and even constructing their
little who, when
Winifred Donnelly, had served
at the NPL during the 1914-18
war. They were married in
1920 and had two children.
Fage's retirement shortly afterwards, in 1953, was marked by
his being created CBE.

reported, was one of the last appeared between 1915 and survivors of the brilliant group 1918. After a time in which he of scientists who, in the years did much mork on propellers to cially on boundary layers and turbulence, among other things devising a neat adoptation of the utramicroscope with which to view turbulent flow. This work led to the publication of many scientific papers, secur-

carcer, increasing amounts of his time and energy were devoted to advising colleagues, to his membership of the Aeronautical Research Council and its committees and manels. and its comminees and panels, the NPL. Of the six scientists working in this section in 1912. gresses and research institutes abroad, notably in Germany, The Netherlands, Australia, Italy and North America, His return from an extended visit a to the United States and Country in 1951 was saddened by the sudden illness and death of his wife (who, when Winifred Donnelly, had served

DR P. M. KABERRY

P.B., E.M.C. and M.R. write: P.B., E.M.C. and M.R. write:
Phyllis Mary Kaberry, for the auspices of the Inter26 years Reader in Social
Anthropology in the University
of London, at University College, died suddenly at the end
of October, at the age of 67.
She was educated in Australia, and was taught by Ian
Houbin at the University of
Sydney, from which she
graduated with high honours.
Her first fieldwork in the early

1958, 1960, 1963), first under
the auspices of the International Arican Iustitute and
later with support from the
Wenner-Gren Foundation. In
1957 she was awarded the
Royal Anthropological Institute
in recognition of her outstanding fieldwork: this award was
shortly followed by the Wellcome Medal in Applied
Anthropology, awarded to her Her first fieldwork, in the early 1930s, was conducted in NV Australia, on the social status of aboriginal women.

In 1936 she came to London and worked in Milanowski's de-partment at the London School of Economics as a research assistant to Audrey Richards. After obtaining her doctorate in 1939 she returned to the field, this time to the Abelam of New Guinea. From 1941 to 1943, as a holder of Sterling and Carnegie Fellowships, she was lecturing at Yale on Australia and New Guinea, and editing Malinowski's unpublished material on culture change.

She then returned to London to work with Chatham House

ing fieldwork: this award was shortly followed by the Well-come Medal in Applied Anthropology, awarded to her jointly with E. M. Chilver.

Few anthropologists can have curied out lengthy periods of

1958, 1960, 1963), first under

carried out lengths periods of fieldwork in three different parts of the world, and have managed as well, to publish so much while reaching and superrising in a thricing and expanding department.

ing department.

She joined the Department of Anthropology at University College London in 1949. Her work there was marked by her great personal interest in her students, many of whom have become eminent in their own right. Her warmth and generosity were also appreciated by those among whom she worked. The honour she most on various research assignments. In 1945 she made the
first of five field-trips to the
Grassfields of the then British
Cameroons (1945-46, 1947-48, Cameroun.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF MONACO

Princess Charlotte of Manaco the mother of Prince Rainier, died at her home in France on November 15. She was 79. Born in Algeria, Princess Char-lotte was a natural daughter of Prince Louis II of Monaco, the present monarch's predecessor. She became hereditary princess of Monaco in 1919 as a result of the French Government's of the French Government's indicating to Prince Louis that bis nearest relative, the Duke of Urach of the Royal House of Württemberg, would, as a German, be unacceptable to France as heir to the throne of a territory surrounded by

mized his natural daughter who wized his natural daughter who was created Duchess of Valentinois, the title normally borne by the Monegasque heir apparent. This step was satisfactory to France and on her marriage in 1920 to Count Pierre de Polignac he adopted Monegasque nationality, took the name and arms of Grimoldi, the Monegasque ruling family, and Monegasque ruling family, and was created Duke of Valentinois. The couple were divorced in 1933 and in 1944 Princess Charlotte resigned her claims German, be unacceptable to for the throne in favour of her france as heir to the throne son, Rainier, who succeeded as Prince Rainier II on the death of his grandfather in 1949.

COMMANDER SIR JOHN MAITLAND

Commander Sir John Mait- Horocastle Division of Lincoln-land, a former Conservative shire and held the seat until MP for the Horncastle Division 1966. He had been appointed a of Lincoloshire, died on November 17 at the age of 74. Born in 1903 he was educated at Osborne and Dartmouth and entered the Royal Navy from which he retired in 1934. He was knighted in 1960 and was also a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

He married, in 1930, Bridget, elder daughter of E. H. M. Commander in 1943. In 1945 he entered Parliament for the and one daughter.

shire and held the seat until 1966. He had been appointed a Deputy Lieutenant and JP for Essex in 1934 and 1935 respectively and was a Deputy Lieuten-ant for Lincolushire in 1957.

Meeting Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC

Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, was host at a meeting held in the House of Lords yesterday, on

on the original experiment in Switzerland have also indicated at

Moreton Hall

The following scholarships, each to the value of one half of the annual school fees, will be offered in 1978: two entrance scholarships for girls of 11 and over: House of Lords yesterday, on employee representative elections, organized by the London Centre of the Institute of Practitioners in Work Study, Organization and Methods. Afterwards he was guest of honour at a dinner at the St. Ermin's Hotel, given by Mr. Edward A. King, director and general secretary of the Institute.

Ships for girls of 11 and over; two entrance of 13 and over; two open scholarships for girls of 14 and over; two open scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships for girls of 11 and over; two open scholarships for girls of 13 and over; two open scholarships for girls of 13 and over; two open scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships for girls of 13 and over; two open scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarship for a girl between 11 and 13. Examinations the principal, Moreton Hall, Western and the principal form; one music scholarship for a girl between 11 and 13. Examinations the principal, Moreton Hall, Western and the principal form; and over; two open scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarship for a girl between 11 and 13. Examinations the principal form; and the principal form; and over; two open scholarships to the sixth form; one music scholarships to the sixth

Council set up to investigate wasteful packing

By Our Consumer Affairs Correspondent

A council set up to investigate complaints about wasteful packaging is to receive government backing under the Nadonal Anti-Waste Programme.

Dr Robert Berry, the programme director, amounced at a conference of the British Aluminium Poli Rollers Association in London reducts Association in London yesterday that the packaging industry had agreed to pay for running the organization with a small secretariat, and the Covernment would foot the bill for all investigations of alleged waste, to guarantee impartiality.

The new council would include representatives of industry, consumers and environmentalists. Complaints would first be passed to the company involved, then investigated if no satisfactory explanation was forthcoming.

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By Geraldine Norman Sale Room Correspondent

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Forthcoming marriages

and Miss E. M. Riddell
The engagement is announced,
and the marriage will take place
shortly, between George Balliffe
Fairbairu, of Hallington Hall,
Northumberland, and Elizabeth
Maureen, daughter of Mr and Mrs
Riddell, of Swinburne, Northumberland. Mr M. F. O'Callaghan

O'Callaghan, of East Acton, London, and Clare, daughter of Mr and Mrs G. G. Thornton, of Trimingham, Norfolk.

Marriages

and Miss K. H. Lindsay
The marriage recently took place
quietly in London of Mr Harry
Finegold, of Grosvenor Cottage,
Culross Street, W.1, to Miss Katherine Helen Lindsay, daughter of
Mrs Brenda Lindsay, of Grosvenor
Court, Weybridge, Surrey.

Kenyatta in court Kenyatta in court

From Our Special Correspondent
Natrobi, Nov 17.—Jomo Kenyatta,
president of the Kenya African
Union, and five others will be
charged tomorrow morning before
a magistrate at Kapenguria, 28
miles north of Kitale in the
Northern Province. The police
will ask for a remand in custody
until next Monday, Kenyatta will
be accused of the management of
gn unlawful society the Man
Man. Other charges will include
membership of that society and
conspiracy.

On the second
charge sheet, all six are accused of

particle mat is identical wan an electron except that its mass is two hundred times greater. Why it should exist at all is a mystery that has been unexplained for

decaying into an electron and a gamua ray, and none of the explanations predicted that that should happen frequently: certainly less than once in every hundred milition muon decays. But that was the level at which the

Science report **Physics:** The mysterious muon

The explanations were based on the properties of a new and exciting class of theories called gauge theories, which have been enjoying much success recently. Different types of these theories invoke different mechanisms for the rumoured decay and make different predictions of how often it should happen. If the decay were seen it would provide a valuable method of deciding between the different types of theory.

between tibe different types of theory.

The rumour was never confirmed, and now physicists working in Vancouver have announced the results of an experiment that searched for this decay in a very sensitive way. They find nothing, and they are able to set a limit about three times lower than that of the rumoured experimental results.

Members of the neam working

a recent conference that they had not detected the supposed decay, and they are able to set a limit three times lower again than the published results of the Canadian experiment.

Far from being disappointing, the situation is regarded as being most fruitful. The theoretical pre-dictions have been made and must

dictions have been made and must now stand up to the test of the experimental results. The number of possibilities has been drastically reduced by the process of rumour followed by denial, a procedure that seems to be adopted as a matter of course in some other disciplines.

By Nature-Times News Service, Source: Physical Review Letters, vol 39, p 1,113, October 31, 1977.

Nature-Times News Service, 1977.

Stock Exchange Prices

Late dip in gilts

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BUSINESS NEWS

John Foord

Surge in private bank loans sharpens threat to money target

By John Whitmore

An inexpected surge in bank lending to the private sector in the banking month to mid-October ims added a new dimension to the unnetary authorities' potential problem in bringing the rate of growth in the money supply back beneath the 13 per cent ceiling envisaged for the financial year to next April.

As had been widely predicted, the growth in sterling M3, the broad-based definition of the money supply, is running above target after the first six months of the financial year.

With a 1.8 per cent increase to £42,890m (seasonally adjusted) in the four weeks to October 19, sterling M3 has grown in the first half of the year at annualized rate of 14.2 per cent. October has added a new dimen-

per cent.

If the Government is to meet

its full year target growth of 13 per cent, or £4,220m, it must now restrict growth in the remaining six months to 5.8 per Cent, an annualized rate of 11.8

While the Government can expect to receive considerable help in this from its decision at the end of October to stop pumping money into the system through the foreign exchange markets—this was done to hold down the value of sterlingit now seems it could be faced with unexpected prob-lems from another major component of monetary growth, bank lending to the private

growing at an average of just under £350m a month in the first five months of the year, growth suddenly shot up to nearly £600m in October.

It may be that this is excep-

tr may be that this is exceptional and, perhaps, partly
compensatory for the below
average growth the previous
month. Even so, it is cause of
some concern, the more so
since nobody appears too sure
as to why it has happened.

The backs alternatives have The banks themselves have

consistently reported lending to be flat, yet the figures themselves show that private borrowing from the banking sector has been running at an annualized rate of some £4,500m in the first six months

considerable dilemma. Although they would be most reluctant to take any quantitative measures to curb a

higher private sector loan demand, the authorities could find themselves faced with a

recovery in loan demand just

recovery in loan demand just at a time when the Government wishes to stimulate the economy, they could well find that some action is required if the overall money supply growth ceiling is to be met.

Were action required, it could either come in the form of the reimposition of the banking system "corset" which limits deposit growth and, therefore, the ability to lend, or through higher interest races, which might take time to make an impact and conceivmake an impact and conceiv-ably pur upward pressure on

Sterline.
On the other side of the com there is a growing suspicion that in spice of the October stimulos to the economy, the public sector contribution to

public sector contribution to monetary growth is still going to undershoot even the most recent official projections.

Even if that is the case, however, the authorities could find it more difficult to neutralize the public sector contribution to monetary growth through the sale of public sector debt. The gilt market has been showing increasing signs of wariness since the sterling float and yesterday's offer of £600m Treasury 10 per cent 1992 was left high and dry.

Peter Norman writes from

and dry.
Peter Norman writes from
Boun: The federal bank yesterday admitted that Germany has
been overshooting its money
supply target by a big margin
over the past six months. But
in its latest monthly report, it
argued that action to restrict
the growth of central bank
money stock would have
been mappropriate, given the
slugishness of the German
economy.

economy.

The federal bank report dis-Were the latest month's figures shown (by next month's figures) to be the start of a new trend towards significantly per cem between May and October. This more generous dosage of liquidity countered fears that economy recovery in West Germany might be res-

tricted by monetary policy. Financial Editor, page 21

By Caroline Atkinson Emergency controls aimed at holding down the value of the yen were announced yesterday by the Bank of Japan. Money flooding into Japan this year has pushed the yen up by 20 per cent against the dollar, with a rise of more than 8 per cent in the past seven weeks.

This week the Japanese authorities decided to try mobile the year at the level of 245 to the dollar as concern mounted in Tokyo over the effects on the economy of the large appropriation.

effects on the economy of the large appreciation.

The market's first reaction was to buy back dollars and get rid of long yen positions. Ine Japanese currency dropped back to 248 yen in about half an hour of hectic trading. The dollar also rebounded against European currencies, touching 2.254 Deutsche marks at one point.

By the afternoon, however, most dealers had decided that the measures would not be able to hold the yen down for long. It came back to close at 245.40 to the dollar, down only 25 points from Wednesday's close. Inward exchange controls are very difficult to maintain. The Swiss, for example, imposed some inward capital controls which were effective for less than a week.

Offical intervention in the market was not sufficient to prevent the yen rising to 243 against the dollar yesterday. Inward exchange controls were

. The sale of government securities to foreigners is to be suspended from Monday (although as this week's tender has already taken place there will not be an opportunity for foreigners to buy new stock tomorrow).

The close cooperation be-tween banks and the authoritween banks and the authora-ties means the Japanese may be able to prevent currency in-flows for longer than that, but some dealers were still expect-ing to see a yen rate of 220 to 230 by the end of the year. It is not yet known whether Japan's western trading part-ners will object to the moves ra gown the a widespread feeling that a further appreciation now would not belp to shrink Japan's huge

there have not been govern-ment measures to stimulate domestic demand in order to take up the slack from reduced export growth and encourage imports. A currency apprecis tion tends to reduce output and employment through its dam-

Controls by Richest people in Britain continuing to lose share of wealth, Royal Commission reports

The richest people in Britain have connimed to see a relative decline in their share of total wealth. Income is spread more equally than in several other major countries, and the combined effects of progressive taxation and benefits have succeeded in bringing about greater

These are emong the main conclusions of a new report from the Royal Commis-sion on the Distribution of Income and Wealth, published yesterday. It is the third report on the standing reference since the nineman commission, under the chairmanship of Lord Diamond, a former Labour minister, was established in the summer of 1974.

Although analysing the ownership and spread of income and wealth in detached and measured terms, the 314-page report contains a mine of raw information about the structure of contemporary British society, which, by its nature, is of highly political significance, with considerable future policy implications.

The report both updates statistics used in earlier reports and presents the results of research projects undertaken by the

It shows that the long-run downward trend in the share of personal wealth owned by the top 1 per cent continued in 1975, their share being reduced from 25

rate to $1\frac{1}{2}$ pc

Barciaycard yesterday re-gained the initiative over the rival Access credit card opera-

tion by cutting its monthly interest rate from 13 to 13 per

The charge was last reduced on October 5 in response to the Access announcement in

Access's response to Barclay-

card's move was a holding statement that "we will be con-

sidering our own competitive decision.

But with the peak Christma

spending season coming up, it seems likely that Access will have to make a decision fairly quickly, although both credit card groups seem agreed that

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Explaining the move, Mr Frank Snushall, Barclaycard's divisionel general marager, said: "When we reduced our interest rate to 14 per cent it was thought unlikely that the cost of money would fall further. However it has, and we feel it right to pass the benefit to our customers."

He added however that it

He added, however, that it would be difficult to hold this rate if money costs rose unless there was some relaxation in the minimum 15 per cent or £6

Access emphasized yesterday

that any further move on in-terest rates would not create difficulties between members of the joint credit card company.

tive to interest rates.

epayment rules.

By Ronald Pullen

Banking Correspondent

These figures are arrived at after adjust-

ment to include some wealth holdings of people not covered by Inland Revenue figures, and also to allow for underestimates because of other exclusions.

On the basis of the unadjusted Inland Revenue estimates, the long-term move-

ment towards equality appears to have accelerated in 1975. The picture for income is similar to that for wealth, with the share of the top 1 per cent of the population declining

1 per cent of the population declining continuously between 1959 and 1974-75, from 8.4 per cent to 6.2 per cent (pre tax). The top 10 per cent income earners also saw a relative decline. Those groups that tended to be chief beneficiaries were in the income bands immediately below the top 10 per cent.

Lord Diamond said at a press conference yesterday that although inflation and incomes policies had inevitably been an influence on the distribution pattern of influence on the distribution pattern of income, these influences were only ripples in the long-term trends which the commission had observed. Larger sociological forces were behind the trend to greater equality in many countries.

The commission report shows that the incidence of tax and benefits was an important factor in increasing income equality. In 1975, the share of the bottom

Charles Hargrove writes from Paris: Some 100,000 Peugeot cars will be produced in Iran in three years' time. The con-

tract signed yesterday has been under negotiation for more than a year. It is expected to lead to the creation of several

Under the contract. Peugeot

plant for the production of a

with sub-contractors.

licence in Iran.

develops.

per cent to 24.3 per cent. The share of the bottom 80 per cent increased from 21.9 per cent to 23.8 per cent.

21.9 per cent to 23.8 per cent. final income.

The report also shows that there is less inequality in the distribution of pre-tax household income in the United Kingdom than in the United States, Germany, France and the Republic of Ireland—but more inequality than in Australia.

Britain is compared in different ways with eight other countries (Australia, Cauada, France, West Germany, Ireland, Japan, Sweden and the United States) but because of the different national definitions used it is not easy to compare them all together on the same basis.

In a number of countries income from In a number of countries income from employment amounted to 70 per cent or more of total personal income in 1974. In Britain and America it had already reached that level in 1960. In France,

Germany, Ireland and Japan it was less than 70 per cent in 1974. The proportion of personal income paid in direct taxes and social security contribu-

tions (including employers' contributions)
for Britain was close to the average.
Analysis of households with economically active heads show that the average
income of owner-occupiers with mortgages exceeds that of those whose homes are owned outright, and they in turn have higher average incomes than local authority tenants.

Swedish

Inscrutable look about the offer for Glenlivet

To judge by yesterday's stock market reaction, the City is expecting Seagram's bid for Glenlivet to spark off nothing short of a wholesale rationalization of the Scotch whisky industry. Not only did Glenliver's own

share price soar 20p above the 440p a share bid price—at one stage it was 50p ahead—but if was followed up by all the other small distillers' shares. Tomatin was 6p up at 83p, Highland Distilleries was 5p up at 107p, Bells 6p higher at 360p, and Invergordon 3p The speculation is centring particularly on what action will now be taken by Suntory, Japan's leading distiller and a bolder of 11 per cent of Glenli-

vet's equity.
Suntory itself was suitably inscrutable. It refused to rule out the possibility of making a bid for Glenlivet and in the meantime said it was making no move. But Glenliver's shares were evidently being buoyed up by the hope that Suntory would bid, although others in the market are simply betting that Seagram will have to bid higher to get control.

Glenliver's own board is for the moment reserving judg-The real debate, though, is

focusing on Suntory's position in the event of Seagram win-ning control of Glenlivet. Ot all the male whisky distillers Glenlivet has perhaps the highest reputation among connoisseurs, and Suntory buys part of its whisky in bulk to produce its own blends.

The first question is whether Seagram would want to discon-Seagram would want to discontinue this arrangement. Unlike Distillers Company, Seagram does not have any policy objections to shipping in bulk, and it is not buying Glenlivet to

make good a capacity shortage. It is believed to have spare capacity at its existing distilleries. Seagram is primarily interested in Glenlivet as an addition at the top end of its range. So there is no obvious reason for a short-term breach reason for a short-term breach with Suntory. Longer term, however, ana-

lysts believed that Suntory's position would be vulnerable to a cut in supply if Seagram puts its marketing might behind Glenlivet's brands, and Seagram is already making its own efforts to penetrate the Japanese market. The second Suntory might turn for alterna-

companies, including, it is un-derstood, Tomatin and Hiram Walker which produces Ballan-tines. Aside from the issue of whether any of its existing suppliers could produce a direct alternative, in terms of taste, to Glenliyet, the obvious question is whether Suntory might seek an equity holding

in another company.

More particularly, since its
11 per cent in Glenlivet has
not protected Glenlivet from a bid, might it not be tempted to follow Seagram's lead with an outright purchase? Christopher Wilkins

Tokyo to hold down the yen

therefore announced later which will become effective next week

the Access announcement in mid-September that it was dropping its rate \(\frac{1}{2} \) point to \(\frac{1}{2} \) percent. Berchycard was considering a full helf-point cur in its rates, but because of the costs involved in making frequent rate adjustments the group wanted to be convinced that interest rates would not rise again in the near future.

Access's response to Barclay. A reserve requirement of 50 per cent on increases in non-resident bank deposits will be effective from next Tuesday. This will make it less attractive for foreigners to hold yen as Japanese banks will have to deposit 50 per cent of new money with the central bank.

trade surplus.

However this is because

employment through its demi-pening effect on export growth. Sterling fell back against the dollar at first yesterday but later recovered to \$1.8195, a 20 point gain on the day, with an unchanged effective index rate of 63.7.

Barclaycard | Peugeot in £227m deal | STC wins cuts interest to build Iran factory introduction of new Chrysler

By Clifford Webb

Peugeot, the French car manufacturer, yesterday signed contracts worth £227m with Iran National Motor Industry Company to build a car plant in Iran to produce 100,000 cars a year by 1980.

The news caused sone con-cern in Britain last night because of its implications for Chrysker UK. For the past 10 years Chrysler has been Iran National's only source of car wite?

Iranian business is Britain's biggest single export contract in the motor industry—worth 100,000 cars this year—and due to increase to 150,000 next

But the Chrysler model volved—the Hunter—is by far its oldest and must be near the end of its useful life. This has led to increasing speculation that the Iranians might replace it with more modern designs produced by Chereley's Freeproduced by Chrysler's Euro-pean competitors.

Last night, however, a Chrysler UK spokesman said:

"T : Peugeot deal in no way affects our Iranian business. It is additional capacity resulting from the growth of that ountry's motor industry He said restyled Hunterssold in Iran as Paykans-were

being prepared for delivery in increasing numbers in 1978 and 1979. In addition discussions were under way about financed by the Iranian group.

New car plant opens in Kenya From Charles Harrison Nairobi, Nov 17 German Volkswagen vehicles,

was opened early this year and another, to assemble Japanese and French models, is nearing A plant built by General Motors to assemble 3,000 British and Japanese lorries and pickups each year was opened here today by Mr Mwai Kibaki, Finence Minister. General Motors is in partner ship with the state-owned In-dustrial and Commercial In-vestment Corporation in this latest £3.3m project. Kenya's first assembly plant, turning out British Leyland and

By Kenneth Owen Mr George Turnbull, the Technology Correspondent former managing director of British Leyland, has just started a two-year contract with Iran National as consult-A £400,000 order for specialized ant to the chairman and managing director. He recently returned from a similar assignment in South Korea.

lized telecommunications equipment for the Swedish Telecommunications Adminis-

phone order

tration was announced rester-day by Standard Telephones & Cables, London.

Earring unforeseen prob-lems, this could lead to further orders for the administration which would bring the total value to about £1.5m. The equipment, known as Operator Position Assistance System (OPAS) is used to

speed up and automate much of the routine part of the work of telephone operators. It is based on an original design will supply to Iran a complete developed by the Post Office. Mr Jeoff Samson, STC direc middle range tourer, the 305, which it launched on the tor, switching, said yesterday that in terms of technology French market recently. It and the market, Sweden was will be equipped with a 1,600cc Paykan engine produced under munications market in the munications market in the munications market in the world Certainly a more famil-At the beginning the French group will supply the body, the gearbox and other elements of the vehicle, about 40 per cent of the parts being produced in iar pattern in recent years has been the entry of Swedish telecommunications into the United Kingdom mar-

Mr Donald Huddart, general Iran. But this proportion will manager of the switching pro-ducts division, stressed the flexibility of the new system and the fact that it was designed to be added to exist-ing switchrooms with little Iranian automobile production Pengeot will also provide the technical staff and training facilities. The contract will be designed to be ing switchrooms with little modification to other installed equipment. STC was talking to other potential customers in Europe, the Middle East and the Far East, he said.

For the Post Office, STC is supplying similar equipment which will be installed in one telephone switching centre

telephone switching centre next year. Subject to satisfactory performance, the intention is to extend the use of the

automatic equipment through-out the United Kingdom tele-Before you hear the fizz,

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Treasury saw overshoot of 13 pc limit as inevitable

any prospect of economic re-covery, something which senior ministers are not prepared to

decision to allow the pound to float was taken, many in the Treasury were convinced that an overshooting of the 13 per cent ceiling had become inevit-The float served the double purpose of stopping the increase of money suorly through foreign inflows and signalling to the markets that the authorities were serious in their determination to stop money supply growth getting out of

broader-ranged and the rolling form of the targets to be chosen will make it easier for the authorities to ensure that their targets are met. In the current financial year, however, they accept that it will take more good luck than they can reasonably expects o return

Rises

smell.

This is because the increase

fixed. It seems to be accepted that they should be small enough to allow no real growth enough to allow no real growth in money supply above the natural increase in output. The question of the appropriate monetary target for 1978-79 is tied up with the issue of what limits should be set on Domestic Credit Expansion (government and private borrowing from banks) in talks with the International Monetary Fund which begin next week.

Because it now looks as if the surplus on our balance of pay-

surplus on our balance of payments during the 1978-79 financial year will be less than the £2,000m to £3,000m predicted in the IMF Letter of Intent, the DCE limit of £6,000m agreed with the Fund looks to be too

in the money supply is, roughly speaking, equal to the expansion of domes ic credit plus the surplus on the payments account. A figure of around £7,000m might be sufficient for

below the limit.

It is thought that the Fund
The latest bid valuing Crane
The figures for next year's officials will not stand in the
arget are still far from being way of such an adjustment, the United Kingdom directors

New Inchcape bid values Crane Fruehauf at £14.4m By Richard Allen

The bitter and prolonged battle for control of Crane Frue-hauf, the Norfolk-based trailer group, entered a new stage last night. Inchcape raised its offer for the group to a value of 93.4p a share. This figure is just over 3p

This figure is just over 3p more than the sum offered on Wednesday by rival suitors Fruchauf Corporation of the United States. The Inchcape bid is on the basis of a share exchange of 32 of its own ordinary for every 125 of Crane. But there is also a cash alternative of 93p a share.

The larger hid valuing Crane

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of Crane, as was Inchcape's earlier bid of 81p a share made last month.

Tussle for control began with a 27p a share bid from Fruehauf in October last year, and developed into a virtual auction last month when the American group returned after being given clearance by the Mono-

Incheape claims that its exist-ing holdings and acceptances from Crane's United Kingdom directors amount to 12.6 per cent. Against this Fruehauf, whose efforts to take over the group have always been aggree. group have always been aggressively resisted by the British board members, owns 37 per

$6\frac{1}{2}$ pc increase in spending on household goods

Spending on household goods rose by more than 6} per cent in volume terms in the third quarter of this year. This was one of the strongest retailing sectors during the three months, when overall consumer spending increased by about 11 per

Spending on clothing and footwear has also gone up rapidly in the past few months, and is now well above the depressed levels of a year ago. Food and drink sales have fallen back in volume terms, partly in reaction to earlier

How the markets moved

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Ekofisk development costs leap \$700m in a year By Malcolm Brown

Estimated capital develop-ment costs of the Greater Eko-fisk oil and gas area in the

North Sea have gone up by nearly 16 per cent.

Phillips Petroleum Co, Norway said yesterday the estimated costs were now \$5,200m (about £2,889m). In 1976 total capital costs were estimated at \$4,500m.

The group said that among the major factors which had led to an increase in estimates were Norwegian regulations concerning a 36-hour offshore working week which had added \$70m to costs.

Tilbury fire contained The fire at the Central Blectricity Generating Board's Tilbury B power station, which

began on Wednesday, was reported yesterday to be con-tained to a section of a tunnel underneath the floor of the turbine hall. A spokesman for the board's south-east region said that it had been impossible to enter the hall because of the smoke,

In brief

and so the extent of the damage

could not yet be estimated. There are four generating the section of the tunnel where the fire was burning yesterday near to two of them. The spokesman said that fire damage was covered by the board's outside insurance pro-

Steel dumping inquiry An anti-dumping procedure

has been opened by the European Commission against thinwalled iron and steel tubes made in Spain. Under the pro-cedure, an inquiry was started following a complaint by the French Steel Tube, Manufacturers Association that such Spanish-made tubes are reaching the French market at prices of about 30 per cent below those in Spain, a spokesman

Setback in profit for British **Airways**

By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

Industrial disputes both within and outside the airline, plus technical problems with their Tridenc 3 airliner fleet, have reduced British Airways' six-month profit by about £37m before the cost of capital borrowings and taxation.

British Airways said yester-day that their profit for the six busy summer months between April and September was £25m, compared with £29m for the same period last year.

This was on a revenue of £697m, while the revenue for the April-September period of 1976 was £636m. Profit before the cost of capital borrowings and taxation for the six summer months this year was £71m, compared with £83m in Taxanon and minorines had come to £33m this year (£40m in 1976).

British Airways' financial results have been affected this year by a strike of some of their engineers, by a strike of air traffic control assistants, and by the grounding of a large part of their Trident 3 fleet after the discovery of wing

Sir Frank McFadzean, chairman of British Airways re-ported in July a net profit of £35m for the financial year 1976-77. He said then that the strike of engineers in the spring had cost the airline £31m in lost

Coal chief urges joint effort to raise production

A way must be found by the National Coal Board and the union to reverse the industry's present downward trend in productivity, Sir Derek Ezra, the board's chairman said in South Wales vesterday.

Sir Derek, who was visiting

South Wales collieries, wel-comed the recent statement by NUM officials including Mr Joe Gormley, the union's president, which recognized that the union, as one of the parties to the industry's investment plan, was committed to meeting the production objectives required to secure the industry's future.

"So far we are not fulfilling the prospectus we submitted to the Government—in the form of Plan for Coal—in return for the capital we need and are now getting for the moderaization and expansion of the industry. We proposed to increase pro-ductivity by 4 per cent a year; instead it has been falling."

For the moment coal is still poses. In the forthcoming wage negotiations it will be essential to maintain that price advantage. What we cannot do. Js a board, is to pay out more money

In the Matter of

Builders call for review of 'costly' system to defeat tax evasion

Building leaders have urged the Chancellor to review the operation of a government scheme introduced to tackie tax abuses associated with the

The scheme - sometimes known as 714 scheme after the tax certificate involved-imposes "heavy and costly administrative burdens on the industry", the National Federa-tion of Building Trades Employers says in a memorandum to Mr Healey.

It must be modified substantially if wasteful bureaucratic excesses are to be avoided. They point out that "initial compliance costs" for one large construction company were estimated at about £100,000. Case histories of delays and dif-ficulties experienced by other

Escort output

resumes but Ford

troubles not over

Production of Escort cars

esumed at the Fort plant at

Halewood, Liverpool, yesterday

after the settlement of separate

£12m in lost production.

memorandum. The scheme was introduced in April, this year, primarily to

eliminate tax evasion by workers employed on the lump" under which sub-contractors are paid a fixed price

It requires construction companies, as well as sole traders and partnerships to obtain exemption certificates from the Inland Revenue if they are not to suffer a statutory deduction of 34 per cent from payments due to them. The federation, while accept-

ing the need to curb tax evasion, believes that the scheme's scope and coverage are unnecessarily wide. Noting that the change to the new system called for costly were involved in two capacities
-both as contractors and subcontractors. "These two tasks together

amounted to a major administrative exercise throughout the The federation says it is deeply disturbed at the magnitude of the costs already incur-

continuing administrative burden and costs. It calls on the Inland Revenue to be reasonable and not seek to penalize companies who make "unintentional errors".

There was widespread oppo-sition within the industry to the introduction of the present scheme. The Treasury, however, estimated that the long-standing abuse of the lump was costing study and preparation, the about E federation says that most build-revenue. about £10m a year in lost

£2,000m earned overseas by construction industry

Tribute to the overseas performance of the construction industry was paid yesterday by Mr Reg Freeson, Minister for Housing and Construction.

strikes which cost the company cent of the United Kingdom's favourable trade balance on The night shift was recalled invisible earnings came from the efforts of our building and last night. But Halewood's problems civil engineering consultants and contractors—a point which may not be over. It was learnt that the staff unions at national those who praised shipping, banking and insurance would level had rejected the 12 per cent company pay package which the hourly-paid producdo well to remember, he told an International Congress on Arbition workers accepted last tration in Construction and Civil Engineering Contracts. -Meetings are to be held at the plants and the 1,000 fore-

This was no mean achieve. Mr Reg Freeson men, staff engineers and cleri-cal workers at Halewood are to meet at Widnes on Sunday to consider what, if any, industrial ment for the industry, bearing in mind the strength of competition for construction pro-jects in the Third World countries. Earnings overseas by the The two separate strikes which have hit the Halewood plant for the past 10 days, were settled on Wednesday architects and surveyors have



been active overseas for years They have built up an enviable reputation with foreign clients.

"Our building and civil engineering contractors have a longer history of overseas operations than those of any

Fewer first time house buyers get mortgages

By Margaret Stone

At a time when the Government is preparing legislation to help first-time house buyers, evidence available from the building societies indicates that 47.3 per cent of all advances in red. But its main concern is the the third quarter of the year went to new owner-occupiers.

In the previous quarter nearly 50 per cent went to first-time-buyers. New owner-occupiers last quarter paid an average of £10,832 for their homes and borrowed 78.6 per cent. By contrast, former owner-occupiers paid an average £16,386, of which they borrowed 56.1 per

The figures are contained i

statistics released yesterday by the Department of the Environ-ment based on a 5 per cent sample survey of building society mortgages at the com-pletion stages. In other words, any to recoup the cost through tracts. the house prices listed are about six weeks out of date In the third quarter borrowers were buying houses at an average price of 2.63 times their average recorded income, and obtained advances on average of 1.7 times their income.

The average house price in 1973, however, was £9,942 compared with the average house price of £13,773 recorded in the third quarter of this year. (It was: £13,332 the previous quarter.) In the latest quarter 10 per cent of all mortgages went on homes with an average price of less than £7,500; 63 per cent on homes below the average price of £13,773 while homes costing more than £20,000 accounted for just over 13 per

accounted for just over 13 per cent of advances.
Regional house prices ranged from £10,782 in Yorkshire and Humberside to £16,930 in Greater London. Compared with prices a year ago, the areas where house prices are rising fastest are Northern Ireland,

The two separate strikes which have hit the Halewood Pressure on Mr Carter to stimulate growth

action to take.

Washington, Nov 17

Pressures are increasing on the Carter Administration to support new policies to stimulate the economy. Latest official economic statistics strengthen the impression that the year ahead will see modest, but not substantial real economic growth.

The Federal Reserve Board announced that industrial production was estimated to have increased by 0.3 per cent last month, after an advance of 0.4 per cent in September; and the Department of Commerce announced a small gain in the growth rate of personal incomes. The increase was \$20,200m Preliminary estimates suggest year real gop rose at an annual (about £11,900m) in October, that corporate profits rose by rate of 6.2 per cent, with the

compared with a rise of \$12,400m in the previous

Senator William Proxmire, Committee, yesterday released a statement calling for "a simple direct, meaningful tax cut at the beginning of 1978 to get the economy moving again . . a major cut soon should be at the top of the Carter economic agenda.".

The commerce department announced today a general improvement in corporate profits in the third quarter and revised upwards gross national product figures. A greater level of growth is shown in the third quarter than had been widely

seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$147,800m.

Last month the department chairman of the Senate Banking said the real gnp in the third Committee, yesterday released a quarter rose by 3.8 per cent, but statement calling for "a simple today it stated that revised figures show the rate of growth to have been 4.7 per cent. The most striking features of the revised figures concerns the

inflation rate, with the chain price index, which is viewed as the best prices indicator in the gno data, now said to have gained by only 4.4 per cent at an annual rate. Higher exports and higher inventory investment were the

main contributors to the unward revision in the gap estimate.

In the second quarter of this

per cent annual rate of gain. Total nominal United States gup is now close to the \$2,000,000m level, having ad

vanced in the lest quarter by 10 per cent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of Calls for a tax cut are being heard with increasing frequency from both Democratic and Republican politicians and they appear to have considerable support within the Administra

According to the Federal Reserve, increases in industrial output were widespread among products and most materials last month. The index of indus trial production has risen by 6.8 per cent during the past 12

Business appointments Mr J. Hyde new finance director

director of Giacier Metal, be-comes additionally chairman. Mr Maurice Elderfield is to become a full-time finance member of the board of British Ship-

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Mr lan Lennox has become director of marketing at Plessey Avionics & Communications.

Mr George Imman has been appointed a director of Showerings, Vine Products and Whiteways.

Mr Alan Alexander and Mr George Henderson have joined the board of the Housing Corporation.

Mr F. J. Meldrum has become a director of Barton and Sons.

Mr R. J. Gooseman has joined the board of William Jacks.

Five new members of the Advisory Council on Energy Conservation have been appointed. They are: Sir Goronwy Daniel, Mr R. H. Kay, Miss Betty Lockwood, Mr J. R. S. Morris and Mr L. V. D. Tindale.

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MONTHLY CHANGE IN STERLING M3 AND DOMESTIC CREDIT EXPANSION Em

-	Sterling M3	currency	deposit	credit expan-
May	+253	-77	+219	+39
June	+303	+ 145		
July	+508	-940	+139	-293
Aug	+ 75	-218	+74	-69
Sept	÷883	812	+5\$	+ 128
Oct	+741	-374	- 68	+299
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Sterling M3: 9:13% £7.700m

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Monopolistic' attitude to computer maintenance

From Mr M. L. Eastwell Sir. Mr P. V. Elis, in his letter (November 3) defended ICL's computer maintenance policy by pointing out the heavy investment in diagnostic routines the company bad made. His argument is tantamount to Boeing or BAC saying that they would not release diagnostic procedures to airlines and the organizations which maintain their aircraft because they, the manufacturers, had spent so much money on working out how to keep the aircraft flying, that it was necess-

subsequent maintenance con-Perhaps it would be wise for Mr Ellis to have a close look at the key objectives of ICL. In other words, what is the purpose for which ICL is in business, in fact what is the purpose for which all com-puter manufacturers are in ousiness. I would suggest thet it is:

 To research, design and subsequently build good compitter products.

2. To market these products

3. To provide the normal support facilities extended by manufacturers in other technical industries to their cus-tomers, such facilities being the ready supply of spare parts, diagnostics, documen-tation and rechnical support.

After all, highly technical industries such as the aircraft industry and the motor car industry provide readily to the purchaser or maintainer of the equipment such facilities. It is of some concern to me to know why computer suppliers, and in particular ICL, retain a monopolistic attitude to the maintenance of their equip-

Surely the generally excel-lent products ICL is offering to the customer should be fully backed by provision of such diagnostic procedures in the normal course of business?

ICL is free to charge a fair price for use of such diagnostic rosmines, as is usually the case with various types of computer software packages. I should also point out that

third party maintenance com-panies often develop suitable diagnostic routines in addition to those originally designed by the equipment manufacturer, to help them maintain customers' computing systems effecti-

In the USA, constrained by the Consent Decree of 1956. IBM adopted certain business practices, including: (a) "To offer training to

outsiders in or entering the repair and maintenance business and to sell to them and IBM equipment owners certain technical documents, replacement parts and subassemblies, and instruction manuals."

"To allow customers to alter or attach equipment (with certain exceptions) and provide manuals." instruction

IBM has complied readily, both in the USA and world-wide, whether or not IBM customers use third party maintenance. This reasonable atti-tude has enhanced IBM's repuration in the marketplace.

But probably the most important factor is the rapidly developing trend towards com-puter users purchasing equip-ment from a number of suppliers to create a "mixed sys-tem". Experience shows that in the event of a fault, this can lead in debates between the maintenance engineers of the various equipment supofiers as to whose equipment is causing the trouble. A third party maintenance organization usually has to accept responsibility for the total system, and get on with the job, or lose the contract. The upshot is that the upshot benefits is that the user benefits.

Yours sincerely MAX L. EASTWELL General Manager, U.K., Data Processing Customer Engineering Pty Ltd. 81 Hersham Road. Walton-on-Thames, Surrey, KT12 1IV. November 10.

Implications of Didcot for freight policy

From Mr Mick Hamer Sir, The possible closure of the inland port of Didcot (November 15) is likely to concern not only the railway workers mentioned in your report but also all those who want to stem the ever-increasing number of heavy lorries. With the South Africa-South-

ampton trade being container ized between now and the end of 1978, the forced closure of Didcot, due to unofficial action by the Transport and General Workers' Union, would cause a large increase in road freight. The recent Transport Policy White Paper committed the Government to working for a free market in freight. Yet for a free market to work in practice the conditions of competition between road and rail must be fair. And if Didcot is forced

close that will plainly not be the case. Didcot thus presents a major challenge to the Government's new freight policy. If the Government fails to resolve this dispute and Didcot does close, the Government's freight policy will be seen not as a free-market poncy but as a pro-heavy lorry

policy.
Yours faithfully. MICK HAMER, Director.

Transport 2000. 40 James Street, W1M 5HS. November 15.

Architects fees

From Mr H. B. N. Grillo Sir, Why should the Government be so ready to act by statute against my trade union, which happens to call itself the Royal Institute of British Architects (and which does not have a monopoly of building design), setting a rate for the remuneration of its members, when any other trade union, which may have its monopoly protected by a closed strop, can make demands for the remuneration of its members which the Government is not prepared to curtail by law? Yours faithfully, H. B. N. GRILLO, Mare House.

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Understanding the function of the City

Sir, The article by Eric Moonman and the related letters of Messrs Quinnen and Onden (October 25 and November 1) surely deserve further comment: the subject in question, the City, has a vital relevance for the people of this country.

I am sure Messrs Moonman and Ogden sincerely wish to improve the value of life in Britain, but their misplaced criticism of the City unfortunately threatens all our living standards. To suggest, as Mr about the City is its great strength is a pointless observa-

skills. But if those whom it serves—directors of companies, heads of local authorities or of

those acts to the City? panies, the merchant banks, the stockbrokers, the clearing banks to act as policemen of morality in boardrooms have jointly generated as much throughout the country?

And it really is long past the working for a solid three.

And it really It long past the time when Members of Parliament can confess to believe that industry is being starved the City. Money is not manufactured by the City. It certainly does not belong to the or reason that headed Mr Moonmark, pattern making, mool-making, whatever.

The City's strength owes nothing to ignorance. It is that those who need to use its services most fully understand its skills. But if those whom it serves—directors of an antique of reason the manier of its passing is directed by its think it is "the answer is the answer is th

demonstrate the frailty of that matter.

humanity by swindling the taxman or cheating investors or committing murder, why relate told me that in the space of a few those of the state of the space of the state of t Are the insurance com- profits of £4m in Government securities. One man, an assistant, their erforts for a few hours, a dozen telephone calls, a dozen decisons, and they

months. ment can confess to believe I suspect my gut reaction—
that industry is being starved obscene—parallels that of a moonman and Ogden, but gut reaction is foolish if it flies in the face of reason. To the

"Certainly, not—rather seek to curb envy with rational reflection."
Yours faithfully, Ogden can put forward accep-table projects to that com-pany's board. But neither they November 7.

Braby Leslie Ltd

Mechanical and Civil Engineers INTERIM STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30th SEPTEMBER 1977

The unaudited results for the half-year ended 30th September 1977 are given below together with the comparative figures for the half-year ended 30th September 1976 and the full year ended 31st March 1977. The results include post-acquisition turnover and profit before tax of £2,505,000

and £267,000 respectively from E. C. Payter & Company Limited acquired on 1st July 1977, and S. Briggs & Company Limited, acquired on 1st September 1977 with effect from 1st April 1977.

							ar ended ptember	Year ended 31st March
				•		1977 £000	1976 £000	- 1977 £000
Turnover		•••		•••	***	15,417	10,757	23,659
Trading Profit			•••		***	1,212	890	1,651
Interest Payable	•••		•••	. • • •		(56)	(82)	<u>(136</u>)
PRE-TAX PROFIT	•••	•••		•••	•••	1,156	808	1,515
Taxation (note 1)	•••	***	•••	***	***	<u>(447</u>)	(301)	(294)
NET PROFIT after		n and b	efore					
extraordinary ite			•••	•••	***	709	507	1,221
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Earnings per Ordinary Share Earnings per Ordinary Share assuming		(n	ote 2)	8·4p	8.0p	17.7p		
full tax charge at				•	er	6.6p	6.1p	10.5p
Net tangible assets per Ordinary Share				**	73-7p	66,3p	70.2p	
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1.—The low texation charge is due to the fact that provision has been made for deferred texation only to the extent that there is reasonable probability that stock values will reduce in the foreseeable traure. The earnings and net tangible assets per Ordinary Share at 30th September 1977 have been based on 8,417,817 shares deemed to have been in issue from 1st April 1977.

In the Interim Statement to shareholders, the Chairman, Mr. Eric Izod, makes the following points: An interim dividend of 2p (gross 3-0303p) per share has been declared for the year ending

31st March 1978, compared with 1-75p (gross 2-6923p) paid last year. The Board expects, in the absence of unforeseen circumstances, to recommend a final dividend of 3-25p (gross 4-9242p) for the year ending 31st March 1978, making a total of 5-25p (gross 7-9545p) per share: For the previous year dividends will amount to 4-5423p (gross 6-9231p)

 S. Briggs & Company Limited was acquired for a consideration of £736,682 as from 1st April 1977. Its brewing equipment complements and expands the Group's range of bulk storage

The mechanical engineering companies have had a satisfactory half-year and demand-continues. to be good. In a difficult civil angineering climate, George Leslie Limited and Tam's Loup Quarries Limited? have achieved results higher than expected and are currently operating at a satisfactory level.

for the sale of the freehold property in Nottingham for £1.15,000 (book value £39,460).

We have eliminated current losses at Cable Lines Limited and believe adequate provisions have been made for rectification work etc. We also have the benefit of recent acquisitions. Having regard to the current order books in the Group, we are confident that unless there are unforessen circumstances outside our control, our expansion will be maintained.

The run-down of Cable Lines Limited has proceeded smoothly; contracts have been exchanged

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NO. 73-03467

NOTICE OF (1) APPLICATION FOR FINAL DECREE INCLUDING order fixing time for participation in dis-

(2) APPLICATION FOR FINAL COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF COSTS AND EXPENSES;

(3) ENTRY OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION

TO ALL CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF EQUITY FUNDING CORPORATION OF AMERICA:

Debtor:

APPLICATION FOR FINAL DECREE INCLUDING ORDER FIXING TIME FOR PARTICIPATION IN DISTRI-

EQUITY FUNDING CORPORATION

OF AMERICA, a Delaware corporation,

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 12, 1977, at 10:00 a.m. Room 809, United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California, a hearing will be held pursuant to Section 228 of the Bankruptcy Act [11 U.S.C. § 628] and Rule 10-309 b) of the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure for the consideration of the Application of the Trustee for final decree, which shall (i) confirm the discharge of the Estate of Equity Funding Corporation of America, the Debtor herein (the "Estate"), from all its debts and liabilities and the termination of all rights and interests of its shareholders and creditors except as provided for in the Trustee's Amended Plan of Reorganization (dated February 2), 1976) (the "Trustee's Plan"): (ii) fix a date five years from the entry of the final decree as the last date of the period in which holders of allowed claims may participate in distribution from the Estate; tiii) approve accountings relating to each receipts and disburse ments of the Estate with respect to the period from April 5, 1973 through September (a), 1977, and Final Report covering the same period; (iv) discharge Robert M. Loeffler, Trustee herein from April 10, 1973 to October 12, 1976, and Robert A. Baker, Tru-tee herein from October 12, 1956 to the present date; (v) declare the Estate closed. Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice, other than the announcement of said adjourned date or dates at the hearing of December 12, 1977, or any adjournment thereof.

Said application is made on the following grounds. On February 25, 1976, the above entitled court entered Order No. B-0567 contirming the Trustee's Plan, authorizing substantial consummation of the Trustee's Plan, and making provisions auxiliary thereto. On March 31, 1976, substantially all of the assets of the Estate were transferred to Orion Capital Corporation, a Delaware corporation COrion"), the successor corporation to Equity Funding Corporation of America, and the above entitled court entered Order No. B-0579 declaring the Trustee's Plan to have been substantially uminated pursuant to Section 229(a) of the Bankruptcy Act 111 U.S.C. & 629(a)] and Rule 10-30(ke)(2) of the Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. On September 30, 1977, all of the remaining assets of the Estate were transferred to Orion, Orion agreed to assume administrative liabilities of the Estate and obligations of the Trustee enumerated in an Assumption Agreement between Orion and the Trustee dated September 30, 1977, and the Trustee made provision for the distribution of monies, if and when received, to creditors in Class 6 pursuant to Paragraph 9.3(d) of the Trustee's Plan. Since all assets of the Estate have been trans-ferred to Orion and all liabilities of the Estate have been disclarged or provided for the Trustoo's Plan has been consummated. Prior to the hearing, accountings relating to cash receipts and disbursements of the Estate with respect to the period from April 5, 1973 through September 30, 1977, and a Final Report for the period from April 5, 1973 through September 30, 1977 will be

filed with the above entitled court. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLOSING OF THE ESTATE WILL NOT AFFECT CLAIMS FILED IN THE PENDING SETTLEMENT OF THE ACTION ENTITLED IN RE EQUITY FUNDING CORPORATION OF AMERICA SECU-RITIES LITIGATION, M.D.L. DOCKET NO. 142-MML.

APPLICATION FOR COMPENSATION AND REIM-BURSEMENT OF CERTAIN COSTS AND EXPENSES OF

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on December 12, 1977, at 10:00 A.M., Room 809. United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Lus Angeles, California, a hearing will be held for the consideration of the application of Robert A. Baker, Trustee herein from October 12, 1976 to the present date, for a final award of compensation and of reimbursement of costs and expenses. Compensation and of remarks and the sum of \$82,000.00 for the period from October 12, 1976 through September 30, 1877, representing compensation at the rate of \$75.00 per hour. Compensation will be applied for with respect to the period from October 1. 1977 through December 12, 1977 at the rate of \$50.00 per hour, but not to exceed the aggregate amount of \$4,500.00. Reimbursement of reasonable costs and expenses will be applied for in the amount of \$665.58 for the period from October 12, 1976 through September :i0, 1977, and in an amount not to exceed \$1,000.00 for the period from October 1, 1977 to December 12, 1977. Interim awards of compensation and reimbursement of costs theretofore paid to said Trustee will be set off against said sums. At said hearing on December 12, 1971 objections to this application will be heard. Said hearing may be adjourned from time to time without further notice, other than the announcement of said adjourned date or dates at the hearing of December 12, 1977, or any adjournment

Any written objections to said application shall be filed on or hefore November 28, 1977, with the Office of Bankruptcy Judge and Special Master James E. Moriarty, Room 809. United States Courthouse, 312 North Spring Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, with copies served upon:

Robert A. Baker, Trustee Estate of Equity Funding Corporation of America 1900 Avenue of the Stars Los Angeles, California 90067 O'Melveny & Myers

Attention: Michael Newman, Esq.

611 West Sixth Street Los Angeles, California 90017 Securities and Exchange Commission Division of Corporate Regulation Attention: Grant G. Guthrie, Associate Director

Washington, D.C. 20549 NOTICE OF ENTRY OF PERMANENT INJUNCTION NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that on August 30, 1977, an order was entered by the above entitled court making permanent that certain Preliminary Injunction entered April 11, 1975, being Order No. B-0244, enjoining the maintenance of actions against subsidiaries of the above-named Debtor.

ROBERT A. BAKER

BY ORDER OF THE COURT DATED: November 8, 1977

500 North Capitol Street

of George Salter

Mr John Hyde has been
appointed financial director of the
George Salter group.

Mr W. H. Everitt, managing
director of Gizeter Metal, be-In Proceedings for the Reorganization of a Corporation

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The following are the figures released for the monthly amount of the money stock, seasonally

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Growth limits 1977/78

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Towards higher interest rates

It never rains but it pours for the monetary authorities. Having moved to save their money supply target by ceasing to pump sterling into the foreign exchange market. they immediately find themselves faced with the possibility that bank lending to the private sector may be on the verge of growing far more rapidly than expected. Last month it grew by almost £600m (seasonally adjusted), taking the annualized rate of increase after six months up to just

To what extent the figure for the latest month will prove a quirk remains to be seen ,and the authorities are, as I suggested vesterday, unlikely to be panicked into counter measures just yet. But were bank lending to remain at a relatively high level from now on, the authorities task in getting back inside the projected 13 per cent ceiling for sterling M3 growth by next April will obviously be formidable.

To meet the ceiling, growth in sterling M3 needs to be restricted to under £2,500m over the second six months of the year, a period moreover when the public sector contribution to monetary growth is going to be more positive than it has been in the opening six months.

How the authorities might react if they find themselves in a corner by Christmas is a matter of speculation. There could be a temptation to press the case that exceptional factors in the first half of 1977-78. albeit of their own making—provide mitigating circumstances and that what is important is the future trend.

It would certainly be interesting to see how such an attitude would wash in financial markets. The danger would clearly be that such a line would not only serve to compound the problem but also underuine credibility in the flexibility the authorities would like to give themselves through the introduction next spring of rolling money supply targets. Meanwhile, one way or the other, the day of the upward correction in short-term interest rates looks to be drawing steadily closer.

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Currency distortions

Stripping out the by-now ritual currency distortions, the message from Shell's third quarter results is that world oil products markets remain extremely sluggish and are likely to remain so for at least the next two or three quarters. And the figures fell just far enough short of stockmarket expectations to leave the shares 11p easier at 564p.

Underlining the kind of smokescreen currencies have become at Shell, third quarter net income of £329m bears no comparison at all with last year's £176m. Then net income had to contend with currency losses of £178m whereas for the same period this year there has been a



Mr Michael Pocock, head of the Royal Dutch/

bonus of £15m-stock-losses of perhaps £8m trimming back the gain on overseas debt—which after minorities has meant an unadjusted decline from £397m to £364m. On the trading side, sales volume has seen

practically no progress with a 7 per cent drop in Europe excluding the United Kingdom offset by increases elsewhere in Japan, Australia and South America, while Shell Oil in the United States was only marginally ahead. Chemicals remain the bleakest product area with margins under pressure as a result of the difficulty in getting price increases to stick in the market place, although Shell is showing no signs of backpedalling on its big investment programme yet awhile.

During the fourth quarter fuel oil and natural gas should show their seasonal upturn but set against that there could be further stock losses percolating through from July's Opec price rise and the rise in sterling. Full year net income should still fall in the £1,350.£1,400m range for a prospective p/e ratio of just under 6. The sluggish oil market, however, is likely to squeeze Shell's downstream operations more than the crude-rich British Petroleum although Shell's ace is still its yield attractions when it is free to pay up the 21p of stored up dividends.

Beecham

Impetus from overseas

Given evidence of flat demand in Europe reflected in recent results from Courtaulds and Unilever, the 19 per cent improvement in Beecham's profits for the half-year to September at £70.6m come as a pleasant surprise, although the comparative figures

have been adjusted to take out currency

While profits in the United Kingdom were up, apparently, by around £1m, despite heavy involvement in soft drinks, which suffered from the poor summer weather, the real growth areas seem to have been in the Far East for consumer products and in North and South America with pharma-

This is despite a natural slowing down in the growth of the amoxycillin anti-biotics, which have been such a boon to the group. But with ever greater penetration of the new drugs throughout world markets, further growth must be limited, and unlike Glaxo, Beecham apparently has no new

major drugs coming to the market in the next couple of years.

There are other growth possibilities, Calgon, in the United States, which was loss-making after a major expansion programme appears to be moving ahead faster than expected, although the contribution in the half, after interest charges, appears negligible, and prospects in the third world remain good

However currency effects will be more marked in the second half and profit estimates for the year are around £150m. Against Glaxo, the attractions of the shares are that the 200 per cent dividend increase as an indirect result of the Calgon acquisition, has given a yield of 4.5 per cent at 625p, although its growth prospects do not

Redland

Holding the line

Redland continues to make the best of severely depressed conditions in the construction industry. In fact, at the interim stage profits are actually up by 7 per cent at £17.8m. But Redland has relied heavily on its associate companies particularly in Australia for much of the running; they managed an improvement in profits of around a third to £4.26m.

At home conditions remain bleak with a

3 per cent sales increase to £59m masking an overall drop in volume of around 8 per cent, with exceptional growth in the brick division compensating for volume falls of as much as 10 per cent in roof tiles and aggregates stretching to 35 per cent in the concrete pipes business.

Apart from Australia the picture is almost as dreary overseas. West Germany still shows few signs of staging a construction recovery. However, Redland is already beginning to see some benefits from new ventures

particularly in the Middle East.

Profits this year look like being around
637m for a p/e ratio of just over 8 with the shares at 130p. Here the dividend yield would be under 5 per cent but cover, assuming adoption of ED19, would be around 44 times.

As for next year, housing provides some room for optimism since private and public starts are expected to climb to 290,000. Together with more money going back into public spending on construction projects, there is some scope in the shares, particularly if dividend restraints are

Kenneth Owen, Technology Correspondent

Opening up the magic picture box

Techniques that provide action; replays of sports events on television can play important roles also in industry, medicine and defence. A magic box of video tricks has been opened up, whose full contents have vet to be explored.

The techniques are based on the digital processing of video images. Digital processing of facts and figures in computers as been a familiar business for many years. Now sounds and pictures, too, can be electronicpictures, too, can be electronically manipulated in digital form.

Among the world leaders in this field are Micro Consultants of Caterham, Surrey, and their Quantel subsidiary, which have specialized in digital video processing and computer-based data-handling systems. The parent company claims to have been the first to market systems.

been the first to market systems capable of changing colour television signals into digital form and back again into nictures with no loss of quality.

quanter has concentrated on element of the person or vehicle, for casting—in medical X-ray work, for television broadcasting example). He can add and in infra-red imaging, in comorganizations. Different "black manipulate a quarter-screen mercial art and in a wide range size inset picture.

a range of equipment designed for television broadcasting organizations. Different "black boxes" handle different functions, but all are based on the use of microcircuit "frame stores"—solid-state memory units which can store all the digital electronic information needed to reproduce single. needed to reproduce single frames of high-quality colour This digital information can be manipulated electronically in different ways, so that the

television picture itself is also transformed. This makes possible a range of special effects, which are obtained instantaneously by operating the console controls in the studio.
Thus the television producer

Thus the television producer in the studio can zoom in to give a four-fold magnification of a part of the picture, or can "zoom out" to reduce the size down to a pinpoint. He can zoom in and follow a particular

In a studio drama production, in which the action is recorded on videotape, the producer or editor can trim the picture to remove an intrusive microphone boom, or an anachronistic telephone kiosk in a histori-cal production, or to correct other faults. Previously the scene would have to be re-shot; or transferred to film, corrected and then transferred back again to magnetic tape.

In sports television coverage the Quantel device can provide special optical effects formerly could be achieved only with editing on film. Part of a football match, for instance, could be played back not only in slow motion but after zooming in to enlarge and follow the man with the ball.

The ability to manipulate

pictures by means of digital techniques can be applied in

of scientific, industrial, military

and police activities.

By linking digital video processing with the power of the minicomputer. Micro Consult-ants have produced "Intellect". a self-contained system for generating and processing pic-tures. It is a general-purpose tool, tailored to specific jobs by appropriate computer programming.

Many applications are concerned with the selective inter-

pretation of measurements teg. of medical or scientific information) so that the user, in effect, sees the part of the resulting picture that he wishes to see.

In N-ray processing as an example, a conventional radiograph contains much unwanted detail which may obscure the main subject of interest. The unwanted detail can be "filtered out" to improve the

Medical information on an X-ray picture can thus be selectively enhanced. The same principle can be applied in the case of military surveillance for example, with an image of a wood containing enemy vehicles. Another military appli-cation would be to provide security coding of images— the video equivalent of a "scrambled" telephone con-

In traffic control, it would be possible (but expensive) develop a syst**e**m in which a television camera would auto-matically track particular vehicles and, if necessary, dis-

play their speeds. The digital video technique would enable more realistic Photofit pictures to be produced by the police. The principle would be the same as in the conventional assembly of line drawings of parts of the face, but the resulting pictures, using photographs as the base, would be more realistic and could observe the principle.

Will Hitachi become the enemy within the walls?

An unconfirmed report going the rounds of government circles in Helsinki could herald yet another move in the complex poker game being played out in this country. The game is over the Hitachi plan to start manufacturing television sets in North-east England.

North-east England.

So many issues, from fears of a net loss of jobs to the question of allowing into the country what could be savage foreign competition, have been raised by the Hitachi affair that Mr Alan Williams, Minister of State at the Department of Industry, has understandably put off a decision for the time being.

But the word in Helsinki is

time being.

But the word in Helsinki is that Finnish-made relevision tubes and British fighter aircraft will figure in a £100m offset deal between the two countries. A letter of intent was signed on the fighter deal last November and the British are now nutries together. are now putting together a shopping list of Finnish goods to help offset the cost of the aircraft.

aircraft.

The tubes would be produced by a company called Salora in which Hitachi has a 20 per cent interest and in which the Finnish government also has a stake. Hitherto the Japanese electronics giant has maintained that most of the Finnish production would be simed at the expanding Russian market for colour televisian market for colour television sets.

The British electronic components industry, already sceptical of Hitachi's intentions in the British market, does not see how this argument can hold water. Its reasoning is that for the Finnish plant to operate economically, a production of some 800,000 tubes a year would be necessary and it doubts whether the Russian market could absorb all that.

Russian market could absorb all that.
Certainly, the view of Mullard, which is now Britain's sole remaining colour television tube producer, has been that the bulk of the Finnish factory's production will be destined for the West European market.

In one of the many moves in In one of the many moves in the game, Hitachi appeared to have dealt with that one by making a formal offer to buy from Mullard the compact 110 degree tubes it needs (mainly for sets to be exported to Europe, where the 110 degree system is more popular). Hitachi is happy about the technical changes needed to marry Mullard tubes with Hitachi sets, though Mr Jack Akerman, Mullard's managing director,

has left a question mark over the deal by saying that for the moment he is not "absolutely satisfied" technically. If the Helsinki speculation is right, will it in the end be in

the British interests for Hita-chi to import Finnish tubes for use at its North-East plant?
Or could British set makers take up tubes in an offset deal? If so, would that affect deal? If so, would that affect their contracts with Mullard? One could also well ask if the Government allows Hitachi no go ahead with its factory at Washington new town, near Newcastle upon Tyne, and Mul-lard makes a deal to supply one third of the initial tube needs, what will be the post-

one third of the initial table needs, what will be the position in 1984? By then, given that 1980 is Hitachi's first year of production, the Japanese company's subsequent three-year undertaking would end. The undertaking covers rates of production, starting at about 70,000 sets initially and rising

Derek Harris

to 100,000 in three to five years. At least a 40 per cent ingredient of British components is promised, rising to 50 per cent if a deal with Mullard on 110 degree tubes is completed.

Mr Akerman's view is succinct: "Those first few years will be as smooth as silk. Bur then—warch out. In Japan they

Lancashire, which produces a variety of components seems more assured, with tooling up taking place for a limited are planting for the year 2000.
They want to dominate the electronic equipment business and, as we have said consistently, we don't blame them." compact but cheaper 90 degree tubes still favoured by many United Kingdom set makers.

In Mr Akerman's view the main problem for the British industry is not whether Hitachi produces in Britain or not but that the industry has the control of th capacity to produce between 2,500,000 and three million sets a year when it is actually achieving only a listle over 1,500,000.

This is essentially why the prospect of Ritachi buying some of its tubes does not excite Mullard. There has been persistent speculation that one or more of the set-makers might decide

to pull out. It has centred par-ticularly on Rank, even though Rank has a substantial slice of the market—about 9 per cent, roughly the same as ITT and not far behind GEC. Philips, including Pye—Mul-sard, too, is a subsidiary of the Dutch electronics group—has about 25 per cent of the televi-sion set market and Thorn the requirements from Mullard. It

Also, if Hitachi gets its foothold, the British set makers expect to be forced by

tracts with Mullard.

There has been talk of up to 2,000 jobs being put at risk at Mullard by 1980 if this happens, but what Mullard would presumably be forced to do would be to close its newest factory at Durham which produces only tubes and employs some 1,500 people. The future of its Simonstone plant in Lancashire, which produces a

production run of the less

Washington factory did not go ahead, the Radio Industry anead, me kaino industry
Council sees no hindrance to a
developing plan for the British
set makers to buy between 60
and 65 per cent of their tube

has been estimated that this should allow Mullard, at present producing about 1,100,000 tubes a year, to trade at a profitable level. Breakeven for Mullard has been put at 1.5 million tubes a year.

The set makers would buy
Muliard tubes at the expense

of present imports, mainly



An example of a Japanese plant at work in Britain: a Sony engineer and Welsh worker at the company's Bridgend, South Wales factory. increased competitive pressures to buy as cheaply as they can abroad at the expense of contracts with Mullard.

from Japan and the United the committee suggested.

A new study * of the Hitachi project by the industry standing committee of the Tory Bow Group, includes some conclusions that echo those of Mr Akerman. The committee makes the point that a plant manufacturing only 100,000 sets a year would appear to fly in the face of commercial logic, particularly as a range of different screen sizes and chassis would be involved. be involved.

Hitachi's aim, the committee

unbes still favoured by many production of components, so as to enhance its competitiveon the other hand, if the ness. The committee thinks it yashington factory did not go possible that Hitachi would use Finnish tubes, the cheapest in Europe, to disrupt both the British set makers and the components industry, at first undermining the tube industry and eventually destroying it.

With the supply of a key component—tubes, accounting for about half of boughtin component costs and up to 30 per cent of the ex-factory price of a set—in the hands of an overseas competitor, the long-term survival of the long-term survival of the British set-making industry would be seriously threatened,

The Bow Group, which favoured a go-ahead for Hirachi with safeguards, reached its decision only partly because it was predictably against pro-tectionism. With Europe clearly the next target for the Japanese after scooping so much of the United States mar-Hitachi, if it could not find a European base in Britain, would presumably go to West

Germany. This would be the next best option as far as a suggests, might therefore be to large base market was conintegrate the United Kingdom plant into its overall production, including in-house would still suffer. Other tactical considerations aside, this is the cardinal argument for allowing the Japanese to base themselves in Britain, thus at least getting the bencfit of their investment and the jobs it would produce—unless, of course, there were overall EEC action to avoid the extent

EEC action to avoid the extent of the penetration suffered in the United States market, at least until the Japanese showed greater willingness to let in European exports.

That could be the next hand but one in this seemingly interminable poker game. *Japanesc Investment or Trade Protection? Bow Publi-

Business Diary: Elderfield ahoy • Trade-a-secret

British Shipbuilders has at Ferranti by Harry Kirkham, last found uself a finance man, who has been with the group Maurice Elderfield, finance for at least 20 years and is director of Ferranti, to serve presently the company account. as a full-time member of the board. Elderfield takes up his new job on December 1, leaving the only full-time post at the state body, that of personnel member, to be filled.

It will be recalled that the mass resignations of executive members of the organizing committee of British Shipbuilders last winter, sparked off by the departure of Graham Day, the chief executive designate, left the Department of Industry with the task of scouting around

for new talent
Elderfield has now accepted the job that would have gone to Pat Griffith, full-time finance director of the organizing committee and one of three executives who resigned in January largely as the result of frustration over delays in entring the state shipbuilding concern off the ground.

The new man, who is 51, should prove to be well qualified to oversee the financial

aspects of a nationalized industry. His early career included posts with Forrestall, Land, Timber and Railway Company and the Stephens Group but in 1960 he began a 13-year stint with the South Eastern Cas Board rising to board member and director of finance.

For the next two years he was director of finance for the Southern Water Authority and ince 1975 has been with the Post Office as board member for finance followed by his present job at the NEB-con-trolled Ferranti.

He is to be succeeded at

Trade Facilitation Committee" to teach Americans how to sell to Japan. Moreover, the Japanese are going to help the Americans to make their export promotion programmes more effective by studying ways of changing the Japanese distribution and sales system. According to American sutherities the plan is designed to explore "Ways to reduce or

We asked what Elderfield's

salary would be, but nobody in the state corporation would

tell us. Open government, you

American government offi-

United States have been com-

plaining loudly for a long time

that the Japanese have devised all manner of methods to keep

out American goods. So loud have these cries

grown that the Japanese have decided to reveal a few trade

The United States and Japanese governments have agreed to create 1 bizarre "US-Japan

United States firms encounter with Japanese trade practices and procedures."

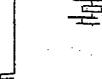
A series of seminers bave been planned for the next six months at a frost of United States cities to educate Americans. Japanese businessmen will be involved in relling Americans some tricks of the Jananese trade.

eliminate specific difficulties

When the Japanese start using United States cameras, driving American cars and im-



FIREMAN POWER WORKER MINER LIFT ATTENDANT



this new effort will have proved **My** quest for long-winded

No prizes for guessing what share Barclays Unicorn has just added to the portfolio of its mythical Unicorn Jubilee unit trust. (Clue: Princess Anne went home from hospital yester-day.) For the benefit of republicans, the answer is Mother-

The fund, "launched" on February 5, anniversary of the Queen's accession to the throne, is made up of shares with regal sounding names. The list in-cludes Coronation Syndicate, Court Brothers, Greene King, Imperial Group, Prince of Wales Hotel, and Royal Sovereign Pencil to name but a random few.

And guess what? It has done remarkably well. Twelve of the 17 shares have risen and the overall gain is 54 per cent compared with a rise of 22 per cent in the FT Ordinary share index. Royalists and republicans alike can be forgiven for wishing the

company names has prompted a response from John Edwards,

for Trade Unions and Employ-ers' Associations (which verges on the verbose itself). He can't help with any more These are hard times for the companies, but kindly offers statutory list kept by bis office. On the employers' associa-tion side there is the magnifi-cent "Essex and Herrfordshire

chief of the Certification Office

Representative Provincial
Organization of Local Authority
Employers (for Administrative,
Professional, Technical and
Clerical Services and Manual
Worker Services) Worker Services)."

The trade unions are not to be outdone by the employers, however, and spring back with the shorter and by no means orgligible. "Lancastrice Box, Packing Case and General Woodworkers' Friendly, Relief, Sick, Superannuation and Buriel Society."

Germany, but the same cannot be said of some other products of the Nazi era. American scientists are now

trying to unearth the processes by which the Germans converted coal into synthetic oil and oil products. Before the war, the Germans imported about 85 per cent of their oil: by the end they were making three quarters of their fuel synthetically.

The American team, Kuri Igolic, Armold Krammer and Richard Waingerdi, have told a subcommittee of the House of Representatives that even if they crack the secret, the conversion would only be a stop-gap until nuclear and solar energy sources were better de-

construction industry but not, these two beauties from the according to some of the things on show at the Interbuild Exhibition, for everybody else. Exhibition, for everybody else. Among the eight miles of goodies at the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, is a 19,500 bed (with built-in refrigerator, television, coffee machine and hi-fi). There is also a £2,500 cooker. This doesn't have a built-in bed, but it does have a computer which stores "more than 100 mouthwatering recipes". The rest is rather more realistic. There is a special selection of appliances powered by sun, wind or water. No less realistic is an offer of a week in Greece for two from the National Council of Building the National Council of Building Society."

Material Producers for anyone who can come up with a slogan that will help revive the conbe so welcome outside West struction industry.

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

LONDON & PROVINCIAL SHOP CENTRES

Results for year ended 24th June, 1977

- Profits have increased by 34% to £437,000 derived solely from rental income.
- Properties held for investment will be professionally revalued next year and it is estimated that there will be an increase over book value.
- The major development programme is progressing satisfactorily; three buildings are under construction at a cost of £4.4m., including Westpoint, an 80,000 sq. ft. air-conditioned office block in Slough, Berkshire.
- A £2m. property sale has further improved the Group's financial strength.
- Annual rental income will be increased by £660,000 progressively over the next ten years from rent reviews, based on current rental values.

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	£	£
Rental income	I,030,000	807,000
Profits before tax	437,000	326,000
Properties	18,391,000	20,005,000
Net assets per share	IOTP	1039
Gross dividend	11.18%	10.16%

Report and accounts available from The Secretary, London & Provincial Shop Centres (Holdings) Ltd., 28, South Strees, London, W1Y 5PJ

Davis makes | Stock markets

more in six months than in year

By Ronald Pullen Continued improvement from the rental operations and the

strong showing of the Ford dealership network have helped Godfrey Davis to a much-improved first half. Pre-tax profits at the six

months to the end of September jumped from £1.42m to £2.55m some £100,000 more than the

The rental side has benefited especially from the high utilization of the car fleet while the strength of the second-hand car market has meant good profits on the disposal of the hire fleet. Car leasing has also gained hugely in the past year or so from changes in the regulations, and the rental/leasing side now accounts for 69 per cent of profits, but only 30 per cent of

Elsewhere, the small leisure interests, around 10 per cent of the total, have also done better, particularly the Torbay Chalet

The group is not expecting such a strong second half which is in any case seasonally weaker as last year. All this probably points to pre-tax profits of around £3.2m although earnings depend on how much deferred tax is taken to the profit and

At 83p the prospect p/e ratio is nevertheless likely to be under 6 while the yield assuming a maximum increase in the dividend will be 6.2 per

Investors stay on strike despite Beecham

With industrial jitters con-tinuing to keep the big investors clearer. on the sidelines figures from After Beecham provided dealers with Beecham a crumb of comfort in an other-

wise gloomy session. wise gloomy session.

The unresolved firemen's strike and the prospect of similar militancy from other groups of public sector workers bore heavily on early sentement and the mood was not helped by a depressing set of money summly floures.

supply figures.
The course of the day was well illustrated by the FT index which was 4.6 down by midday but an hour later had finned a full three points after the Beecham statement. By the close it was 3.3 off at 481.0. The growth in money supply had a more pronounced effect on the gilt-edged market with both ends of the range falling

sharply as sellers, some of them reported to be overseas, came in At the long end prices had slipped one quarter by mid-morning but held steady at that

Some say that BSR have now fallen far enough. At all events they are down from a year's high of 151p to 105p, up 1p yesterday. Birmingham broker Smith Keen Cutler has just taken local institutions to see BSR, and there is a feeling that the group will try to correct the impact on its United States business of the hard nound by raising prices hard pound by raising prices early in the New Year. Such is the demand for BSR's record changers, it could succeed. But husiness in Europe and Japan is thought to be not going so

level until the selling became more persistent at around 3.30 pm. By the official close falls ranged between three-quarters and a full point though bargain hunting after hours put many stocks a quarter firmer

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Valor Co (I) —(—)
View Forth Inv (I) —(—)
Viners (I) 4.8(4.7)
Witan Inv (I) —(—)
Yorkgreen Inv (F) —(—) The back of genuine invest-ment demand makes it ex-tremely difficult for observers to discern a trend in a volatile and professional market.

But little is now heard of the index scaling new peaks in the foreseesible future and it is likely that the "bears" will contains to hold sway until the course of the current round of

negotiations becomes After en active Beecham's shares settled 5p to

the good at 625p by the close. But Unilever continued to retreat efter Wednesday's figures losing another 14p to 528p and GEC 5p to 248p also lost ground in front of figures due in the near future. in ICI up ip to 366p, Dunlop, 2p better at 94p and Fisons

which jumped 50 to 3850 after the chief executive's predictions unade to the German press. On the takeover front Leisure & General rose 20p to 65p after prowelcome terms from Lad-broke which eased a couple of pence to 187p. First Castle which has a near 15 per cent stake in L & G jumped no less

than 189 to 38p.

After the terms for Glenlivet there was a good deal of speculation among distillers with typical rises coming from Macdonald Martin up 30p to 260p. Tomatin 6p to 83p and A. Bell 6p to 360p. The prospect of a battle boosted Glenlivet itself

than 18p to 33p.

Terms for Norwest Holst had. Costain at 270p ending six the shares 2p ahead at 80p points lower. The speculative while Crane Fruehauf eased 10 Johnson Richards Tiles lost 8p 91p before it was known that Inchcape had come with

another counter. Opinions were divided about the merits of quarterly figures from Shell but in the end the bears won the day and the shares closed 13p off at 564p. Royal Dutch dipped £1 to £45. Elsewhere in the sector Oil Exploration again attracted speculative attention and the end was 15p ahead at 301p. Amos Hinton, one of the smaller supermarket groups, pleased with figures and jumped 7p to 92p after doubled profits. Kwik Save reacted from the strength of recent days closing 40 off to 216p while Tesco slipped a

In the building sector Red-land oleased with figures and in spite of a bout of last minute nerves the shares ended a penny better at 130p. Marky held steady at 80p in sympathy but the contractors came under selling pressure with both Taylor Woodrow at 426p and

Latest results

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penny to 44p in front of figures

to 312p but Marchwiel attracted support and rose 4p to 268p to go against the trend.

Elsewhere speculation lifted Cetreway 10p to 183p and Norton & Wright benefited from comment with a jump of 12p

Bulmer & Lumb 43p and Valor 40p, two mentioned here. both ended unchanged after figures.

In financials the merchant banks reacted from some recent solid performances with Schroders off 10p to 430p, Mercury Securities 12p to 127p, Arbothnot Latham 5p to 285p and Kleinwort Benson 4p to

The firemen's strike and this week's big rights issue continued to depress insurances, notably Sun Alliance down 7p to 548p, Refuge 4p to 132p, Pearl 4p to 252p and Royal 3p 2829. to 382p.

In subdued properties the pick were Stock Conversion, bet-ter by 4p to 234p, Chesterfield

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3p to 295p and Land Securities 3p to 208p. Stores were hit far worse than average by selling with Gus "A" 10p lower to 139p and British Home Stores down 4p to 215p.

In shipping's figures from British & Commonwealth met with a good response, the shares rising 9p to 261p. Others to score gains after statements were J. Billam 2p to 38p, Cock-

With its products selling cheaper in London than abroad second quarter profits from Werdgwood are expected to show the extent to which the group has cashed in on last summer's tourist trade. Dealers are looking for three months profits up from £2m to £2.6m giving a total for the half year of £3.2m against £2.8m. With more than 60 per cent of pro-duction going for export, the United States, the biggest market, is thought to have per-formed particularly well. The shares were at 220p.

sedge 10p to 68p. United Scientific 1p to 245p. But Alida Packaging slipped 4p to 102p. Gold shares rallied late in the shares to end with some strong rises in certain cases. Among the best were W. Driefontein, up 51.50 to £18.25, President Steyn 50p to £6.25, and President Brand where the final gain was 75p to £8.75.

After hours EMI at 207p and Courtaulds 112p were leaders to harden a penny or two but GEC gave more ground. British & Commonwealth firmed eanother penny while Macdonald Martin jumped another 20p making a gain of 50p on the day for the distiller.

Dowty were a firm spot at 146p but Norwest were chipped back a few pence as profits were taken. Gilts were subdued and little changed but the stores sector stayed a particularly

Equity turnover on November 16 was £64.93m (13.424 bargains). Active stocks yesterday, gains). Active stocks yes according to Exchange Telegraph, were Beecham, Shell, BAT Ind, GEC, ICI, BP partly paid, De La Rue, Gus "A", Furness Withy, BAT Dfd, Hay's Wharf, Stocklake, Univerer, Tomatin, Leisure & General, Glenlivet, Amos Hinton and Off Exploration.

THE BRITISH & COMMONWEALTH SHIPPING

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 4.25p per Ordinary Stock Unit of 50p in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1977 (1976—4p).

The increase in the interim dividend utilises 0.25 pence out of a total increase ermitted under present legislation for the Company's year 1977 of 0.90313 pence per

The dividend will be payable on 10th January, 1978, to stockholders registered at the close of business on 9th December, 1977.

UNAUDITED GROUP PROFITS FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1977

	NOTE	6 months to 1977 £000	1976 £'000	Year to 31st Dec 1976 £'000 218,100
GROSS REVENUE		117,300	102,000	210,100
PROFIT FROM SHIPPING, AVIA- TION AND OTHER ACTIVITIES PROFIT ON SALE OF SHIPS		17,395	15,107 1,832	30,382 3,392
•		17,395	16,939	33,774
DEPRECIATION		7,061	6,822	13,458
trading assets		1,467	1,302	2,514
·		8,528	8,124	15,972
OPERATING PROFIT	1	8,867	8,815	17,802
Portfolio investments	3	1,499 436	1,156 130	2,348 1,663
Other investments Interest received		2,590 	1,680	2,456 4,517
LESS: Other interest paid	-	4,859 1,832	3,165 1,561	10,984 3,602
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		11,894	10,419	25,184
TAXATION	· 2	[
Tax credits on U.K. dividends received	~	393 5,648	312 5,145	810 12,295
		6,041	5,457	13,105
MINORITY INTERESTS		5,853 1,087	4,962 846	12,079 1,825
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		6 months to	30th June
	<u>'</u>	1977	1976
1.	OPERATING PROFIT	£,000	£'000
	Shipping	3,318	3,860
	Air Transport	3.199	2,616
	Aviation Support Services	935	355
	Leisure Industry (See Note)	36	(892)
	Office Equipment	707	377
	Other Activities	1,327	1.312
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The charge for taxation for the six months ended 30th June, 1977, gives an effective rate of 53.09%. The charge for the six months ended 30th June, 1976, has been adjusted to correspond with the effective rate of 54.02% on the profits for the

The advent of containerisation of the South African trade and the consequent increase in the shareholding in Overseas Containers Ltd. effective from 1st September, 1977, means that from that date the profits of a major part of the

Overseas Containers Ltd. Having regard to this fundamental change, it has been decided to amend the previous basis of accounting for the results of associated companies and to include in the Profit & Loss Account for the year-ending 31st December, 1977, the attributable profits of the principal associated companies of the Group. South African Marine Corporation Ltd. is not regarded by the Directors as an associated company.

FORECAST FOR THE YEAR Present indications are that the profit for the year (including the attributable

results of the principal associated companies) after taxation and deduction for minority interests but before any extraordinary items will show a satisfactory increase as compared with the profit of £9,360,000 achieved in 1976. 17th November, 1977.

COMPANY LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

A statement, with explanatory notes, is given below, showing the estimated Group profit for the six norths to 30th June, 1977, with comparative figures for the corresponding period of the previous year and the actual figures for the year 1976.

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NOTE: Owing to the seasonal nature of the business of hotel operating the results for the half-year to June will not be maintained in the second half of the year.

ASSOCIATED COMPANIES

In accordance with previous practice, attributable profits of associated companies have been included in the estimated results for the respective half-years and actual results for the year to 31st December, 1976, to the extent only of dividends received or declared within the appropriate periods.

shipping activity will be represented by an increased share of profits arising within

Dividends in this table are shown not of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis, To establish gross multiply the net dividends by 1.515. Profits are shown pre-tax and earnings are use. a—loss; b—forecast; c—tands. Leisure & General chief frowns on Ladbroke's £6.2m offer

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By Victor Felstead Market speculation that a bid was on the way for Liverpool-based Leisure and General hased Lessure and General Holdings was answered yesterday. Ladbroke Group made a £6.18m offer. L. & G.'s sbares were already at a 1976-77 "high " of 45p before the news and they fimished the day a further 20p up at 65p. The terms are 60p cash for each ordinary share, which equals 90p before the recent

one-for-two strip issue. But the offer met with an immediate rebuff from L. & G. Mr John Chapple, chairman, said that it had come out of the boue.

The board had only been told of the terms and it had not yet sen the full offer. But Mr Chapple said he found the price "highly unattractive".

The board also regretted that have announced a bid without prior . It is consulting its advisers,

consultation with L. & G. the Industrial and Commercial tors' femilies hold about 27 per Finance Corporation, which also holds about 20 per cent of the ordinary capital, so holds about 20 per cent of the ordinary capital, so holds about 20 per cent of the ordinary capital, so any offer which does not recommended to take no action the board. The other big share-holder is First Castle Securities, usual they hear from the board.



My Cyril Stein, chairman of Ladbroke.

It seems quite possible that Ladbroke's ofter will be raised. L & G.'s board and the direc-

broke chairman, appears fairly confident. He said: "I regard stood at the equivalent of 34p."
He added that he was looking forward to meeting L & G's chairman and that his board had good hopes that the offer would be accepted.

L & G's activities cover hotels, leisure holiday centres and catering establishments through the Mercury Motor Inns, the Mercury Leisure Holiday Centres and Astey's; it also covers licensed betring offices through Mercury racing and hifi and audio retailing through the Hardman Radio Shops.
In the year to April 30, its

pre-tax profits reached a record £925,000 on a turnover of

£24.24m. Ladbroke, slipped by 2p to 187p yesterday, takes in betting casinos and property. It also covers hotels, holidays, entertainments and racecourse management. Pre-tax profits in 1976 were £15.32m on a turnover £319.13m.

Lyons sells yet another hotel

J. Lyons has agreed in prin- lar professional management to

The terms will provide for Novotel to buy the shares of Strand Hotels Nederland and Alpha, to take over the mortgages on the hotel, and make a payment not exceeding F18.5m. This will depend on the extent to which Novotel assumes res-ponsibility for other liabilities. The Alpha was virtually the last of Lyons's major hotels following the sale of the rest of the group's United Kingdom hotels to Trust House Forte earlier this year, and the more recent sale of the Tower Hotel

The sale of the Amsterdam hotel leaves Lyons with the 160 bedroom Commodore Hotel in Paris and, a number of country imps in the United

Town Centre back

on the prowl Since the property market collapse the board of Town Centre Securities has been biding its time and no development work has been started. Now, however, the board feels that the outlook is brighter and is once again looking at new projects and investment proper-

Mr Arnold Ziff, the chairman, says that the time is now right for the purchase of investment or reversionary properties. At present the letting market is more buoyant, particularly for

that available to private share-holders from their stockbrokers. Hoare Govett does not have any unit trusts under management itself. The new service will involve deciding on what the client wants out of unit trusts whether income, capital growth or both, and managing a port-folio of units on that basis. Charges are an administration fee of a per cent a year, with a minimum of £15 plus value added tax. Unit sales will in-cur normal stockbroking commission charges.

Better year under way at Alida

The Alida Packaging Group is continuing to develop new products and penetrate new markets. These moves as well-as an expected increase in con-sumer spending, cause the directors to believe that the group will do better in 1978.

Over the first six months about £350.000 has been spent

on_new plant. The group continues to seek ways of broadening its base of operations, and various opportunities are being investigated.

Dunham Mount Holdings, a

Bid for Norwest but at 72p a share

per cent of the ordinary capital. The stake was bought from Metrolands Developments at unst trust service

Stockbroker Hoare Govett announces a new discretionary service for unit trust investors.

It is designed to give them simi
Metrolands Developments at tal of Société Novatome, at present owned by the Creusor Loire Group, with a holding of the French Lilley, who are executive directors of Norwest. They also own holding 40 per cent. After Alsthom's acquisition, Creusor-level, which is about 32.15 per cent of Norwest's commission 34 per cent.

equity. Dunham will now make offer under the City Code on takeovers for the rest at 72p cash a share, valuing Nor-west at £6.54m. Norwest's shares rose by 2p to 80p yesterday.

Updown receives an approach

The board of Updown Invest-ment which recently was con-sidering whether or not to recommend a liquidation of the group, has received an "informal approach". This could lead to an offer for the shares, at a price slightly over the liquida-tion value. A further announcement is promised in due course.

Small rise looked for at P Panto

In what has been a "very difficult and turbulent" half-In what has been a " year for the tobacco industry, P. Panto managed to life its pre-tax profits from £169,000 to £174,000 in the 24 weeks to June 10. The board expects th esecond half will be better than last time and that the final figures will be a small improvement on 1976 is which were 1260,000 pre-tax. Page are wholesale suppliers of confertionery, tobacco, stationery, toys and greeting cards

private company, has bought Alsthom bid for 2.14m ordinary shares in Norwest Holst. This is about 22.81 Societé Novaton Société Novatome

Société Alsthom-Atlantique is to buy 15 per cent of the capi-tal of Société Novatome, at

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almost double the level ruling when their accounts were published on October 5. For a week after that their shares stood at the equivalent of 24-2

Mr. George Godwin reports:

* As anticipated at the time of the interim statement, sales have continued during the year at a high level, resulting in record turnover and profits. Profits for the year before taxation rose to £3,654,816, as compared

with £2,186,193 in the previous year. * In line with our stated intention at the time of the rights issue in May 1977, a final Ordinary dividend of 3.756p per share is proposed for payment on 5th January, 1978 and this, together with the interim dividend of 1.587p per share paid on 19th May, 1977 will make a total Ordinary dividend of 5.343p for the

* Group turnover increased from £19,224,946 to £26,692,472, of which 78% was in respect of direct exports from the U.K. and sales by overseas subsidiaries. In the United Kingdom, our enlarged sales organization has been particularly successful and turnover has increased from £4,441,331 to

* The current year has again started very well. Turnover and sales are at a high level, both in the U.K. and overseas and we look forward with confidence to a further improvement in our performance in the coming year. Over 97% of the rights issue of new Ordinary shares was taken up by shareholders, and we are now in an excellent position to take advantage of further growth opportunities in market and product

MARTONAIR INTERNATIONAL

Manufacturers of pneumatic control equipment

AMBER INDUSTRIAL **HOLDINGS LIMITED**

UNAUDITED GROUP PROFIT STATEMENT FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1977

Turnover	6 months to 30.9.77 £1,520,000	6 months to 30.9.76 £1,229,000	year to 31.3.77 £2.457.000
Trading Profit	185,000	130,000	296,000 8,000
Profit before Taxation Taxation	183 000 95,000	126 000 66,000	228,000 130,000
Preference Dividend	88.000 1.750	60.000 1,750	98,000 3,500
Profit available for Ordinary Dividend	286,250	€58,250	294,500
Earnings per Ordinary Share of 10p	3.30p	2.23p	3.62p
NOTES:			

1. The increase in profit, before taxation, for the first six months of the year stems principally from a strong performance by Amberel Limited, the industrial aerosols subsidiary, which has more than offset a slowdown in profits from Canaeway Steel Products Limited, the refractory engineering subsidiary. 2. If the present level of activity can be maintained for the remainder of the year, profits for the second six months should approximate to those schieved in the half-year to 30th

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rsoup turned in pre-tax profits of £11.9m in the six months to
June 30. This compares with
£10.4m for the first six months

Part of the increase came

from air transport and support services, which takes in British Island Airways. Operating pro-fits rose from £2.9m to £3.13m

in the period. Up to £10m had been earmarked by the group to expand this division. Five air-

craft were to have been bought

to operate new Continental routes out of Gatwick. However the Civil Aviation Authority has

rejected the BIA application for the routes

The disposal of the loss-making BCA Travel helped the

leisure division turn a former £892,000 loss into a profit of

£36,000 in the six months but

the directors warn shareholders

that the seasonal nature of the

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Money Market

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Rates

Profit rise on cards at Brit & Comm

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By Alison Mitcheli British & Commonwealth Shipping Company has set sail for calmer waters. On the back

and Land Securities

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of a 14 per cent rise in profits in the first six months of this year the directors anticipate a satisfactory" increase for the full 12 mouths.

After tex profits, before extraordinary items, are expected comfortably to top 1976's

The group has announced a long-awaited change in accounting policy. The container issues of the South African trade and the resultant increase in the British & Commonwealth holding in Overseas Containers has prompted the group to include s share of profits from this company in the profit and loss account. In the past only the appropriate dividends have

appeared. British & Commonwealth increased its stake in Overseas Containers from 7.6 per cent to 20 per cent earlier this year. This accounting change, which will affect results for the year to December 31, 1977, will also be made for the also be made for the other rincipal associated companies of the group. However South African Marine Corporation is not to be regarded as a major shares rose of the operating shipping side 13.3m against a process of the group.

Foreign Exchange

Wide swings in the yen featured in London exchange dealings yesterday, following moves announced in Tokyo to curb speculation in the currency, which has gone from strength to strength over a long period.

At the outset, record "highs" were reached of around 244.10 and 242.90 respectively in Tokyo and London. The final close was 345.40 to the dollar, just 25 points off.

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The pound reached \$1.8225-30

tarly and thereafter fluctuated with the dollar and major European currencies to end at \$1.8195, a net gain of 20 points. But in the currency basket, sterling stuck at 63.7 for the third successive

Easier at first, the dollar re-bounded sharply in active trading against Continentals, reflecting yen developments.

Gold gained \$0.25 an ounce to close in London at \$159.375.

Spot Position of Sterling



2136.65 Rrugerrand (per coin): non-resident, 3184-166 (1904-614s, resident, 3164-186 (1904-614s) Severalgas (neo): non-resident, 5477-494 (1264-271-), resident, 547-49 (126-27).

First-half figures double associated company in this On a gross revenue of £117m, against £102m, the

at Valor By Victor Felstead

Confirmation that things are still going in the right direc-tion for Valor, the heater, cooker and engineering group, comes in the latest interim

On turnover 25 per cent greater at £18.43m, pre-tax greater at £18.43m, pre-tax profits doubled to £523,000 in the 26 weeks to September 30. Moreover, this improvement is a bit better than it appears, as the first 26 weeks of the current year are being compared with the first 28 weeks of last

year.
Mr Michael Montague, chair man, tells shareholders that the outcome for the full year will be influenced by the severity of winter, but he believes that the present trend will be main-

that the seasonal nature of the hotels operated in the Canaries and Cape Town could see them slip back into the red

The operating profit on the shipping side amounted to \$1.3m against a previous \$2.8m.

British and Commonwealth If, in the second half of this year, Valor simply equals the last six months of 1976-77, the year's pre-tax profit could top £1.3m compared with £1.07m. The chances are that it will do

Mr Montague reports that progress in the latest balf-year was helped by higher output at the Liverpool and Birmingham factories. The group is getting

Discount market

Discount houses faced a shortage of fresh funds yesterday, though this proved less of an obstacle than had seemed likely during the morning. In the end, the Bank of England gave help on a moderate scale by purchases of Treasury bills directly from the houses, and this assistance appeared to have been somewhat overdone. Money became very cheap in the closing stages.

During the morning there had been indications of a sizable shortage of credit, and rates that were tentatively 41-1 per cent had worked up to 42 per cent by about midday. Then the authorities started to buy some Treasury bills. Later, money began to come out very readily, and rates tumbled would be bisances were finally being taken in the band of 22 per cent to 3 per cent.

The plus factors for the day included a fairly large excess of Exchequer disbursements over Revenue receipts, a slight fall in the note circulation, and clearance of cheques for redemption in money in respect of 3 per cent Treasury 1977.

The adverse items included rundown balances brought over from Wednesday by the Banks and a substantial Treasury bill take-up. the initial benefits of a long-term policy of investment of product development.

New gas fires and cookers and a new commercial cooker have gained good market accep-tance and Valor has a number

Rainhill factory in Liverpool from the motor indu-has been completed and trading mained high.—Reuter.

be over at Viners

Slump in United Kingdom tableware and cutlery has over-taken Viners, the Sheffield-based group. Pre-tax profits in 26 weeks to July 1, slid to £66,000 from £87,000. By contrast, turnover rose from £4.7m to £4.8m. The board has declared an unchanged interim dividend of 1.43p gross.

The United Kingdom slump, particularly in the retail trade continued during the first six months of the year. The board took drastic steps to reduce expenditure and stocks but results took time to appear. With the exception of the Irish division the overseas sub-sidiaries have traded satisfac-

Actual Year

Would-be buyer shown the door at London & Provincial Shop

By Our Financial Staff

Such is the confidence of the London & Provincial Shop Cemres that a take-over ap-proach by a leading pension fund earlier this year was rejected outright.

Joint managing director Mr Bernard Berrick reported yesterday that no price was men-tioned because the board could see no reason for giving away prospects. The directors own 36 per cent of the equity and a further near-16 per cent is held by Legal and General Assurance. Profits, which come solely

from rents, rose from £806,000
to £1m in the 12 months to
June 24 and this is estimated to
increase by £660,000 over the

Soley of the woney has come
from a medium term loan, but
earlier this year the group sold
increase by £660,000 over the

next decade, according to the annual report. This does not include any contribution from the letting of properties under construction.

London & Provincial recently embarked on office and shop embarked on office and shop developments which are likely to cost around £4.4m.

The flagship of this project is an 80,000 sq ft office block being built at Grove Centre in Slough and due to be completed in March, 1979. This is the sixth office block to be constructed in the town where the group have a virtual mone.

the group have a virtual mono-poly of office developments. Most of the money has come

to pay off some of the borrowings. This office block cost London & Provincial around £700,000 to develop.

If interest rates stabilize much of the planned development programme should be entirely covered by income from completed properties.

The directors disclosed also that they are considering breaking into European property. However this would only be done with the backing of a major retailing group wanting to lease outlets in major shopping centres on the Con-

Real ale and fewer loans aid Belhaven

It is too early to say whether the old CCH Invest-ments will hence forth give shareholders a less nervously exciting ride now that it calls itself Belhaven Brewery, but it has been selling assets and clearing borrowings.

It has also made a start. As if to vindicate the confidence of Mr Gordon Currie, chairman in October's annual report, the group now reports a move from the red into the black.

In the six months to September sales rose from £1.66m to £1.89m. Most of the beadway came from the Belhaven "real The shares rose 1p yesterday to close at 84p. This compares with a net asset value of 101p.

But at the operating profit level, both the brewery-the last independent in Scotlandand the hotels, the Coral Island and the Palmetto Bay in Bermuda made useful headway. After unchanged depre-ciation, the result was that £48,000 of pre-tax losses gave way to £80,000 of profits. Bethaven has, however, a long way to go. As CCH Investments, it has been out of the dividend list for three years

and there is no news of any teturn. Nor is there any fore-cast. The directors simply say that the second half should be hetter, helped by a drop in interest charges. J. Lyons has a big share stake, and so once arain, has the chairman.

Krupp Hüttenwerke future gloomy Hinton tempers the joy

Fried Krupp Hüttenwerke AG, the Bochum-based Iron and Ac, the Bochum-based from and steel-making arm of the Krupp GmbH expects to make a loss in the second half of this year, but does not yet know whether the whole year will show a deficit, the group says. International

better.

If so, profits could be on the way back to the record £2.61m of 1973-74. After that they fell heavily, but started to fight back in 1976-77.

Mr. Montague reports that or employment position.

Sales in the first nine months of this year were unthanged on the same period last year at DM2,300m of which the export share rose to 27 per cent from 21 per cent owing to deliveries to Iran.

National Distillers

National Distillers and Chemical Corporation of

America says it has agreed in principle to merge Emery Industries into National Dis-tillers. Terms of the proposed

merger call for exchange of each Emery common share for

each Emery common snare for one share of a new \$25 prefer-ence stock to be issued by National Distillers. Emery In-dustries has a capitalization of 8 million common shares and 41,000 preference. The pro-

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tiliers says.

The spokesman said have gained good market acceptance and Valor has a number of other new products to launch before the end of the trading year.

The reorganization at the Rainhill factory in Liverpool crude steel production fell by

losses stopped.

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By Michael Clark

Mr Ruben Viner, chairman, however thinks that there are reasons for expecting some im-provement in the second half

He reports that profitability is improving and that the market has recently given some indication of an upturn. At the quarter, the same as in the previous quarter and in the third quarter of 1976 Incoming orders rose to about 3,500m Swiss frames from 3,200m. Sales amounted to 3,100m francs moment the order books are substantially higher than at the same time last year.

against 3,200m in the second quarter and marginally above the third quarter last year.

JAL cuts losses

Japan Air Lines, Company, Japan's biggest international airline operator, has posted a net profit of 7,900m yen (about £16.8m) in the first half-year ended September 30 after a 2,500m yeo net loss in the similar period a year earlier. Turnover during the six months totalled 223,900m yen, up from 196,500m yen a year ago. The company forecasts its net profit for the current year ending next for the current year ending next March 31 at a 8,000m yen on sales of 446,800m yen. This sales of 446,800m yen. This compares with about 10,000m yen net on sales of about 390,000m yen in the previous

Stocks and Holdings

Mr C. I. Borough, chairman of Stocks and Holdings of Australia, says that profits for the six months to end December are expected to be below the \$A1.79m (about £1m) in the same period last year. He said same period last year. He told the annual meeting that he was unable to forecast increased profits for the full year, but said he expects progress next year. The company made a consolidated net operating profit of \$A2.65m in the year ended

posed annual cumulative dividend rate on the preference stock will be no less than \$2.03 a share, National Dis-Bankamerica hopeful Bankamerica Corporation expects to exceed its original earnings targets for 1977, the president, Mr A. W. Clausen says in a letter to shareholders. The momentum developed in The Swiss Machine Engineers Association says that average order book levels in Bankamerica's operations earlier this year is continuing the sector covered seven and and the company's business prospects for the rest of 1977

are good, he said. Cartiere sales gain

(about £109.2m) this year, up 13 per cent from 156,000m lire the year before, according to the president. A shareholders' assembly also approved an increase of the registered capital to 40,600m lire from 22,500m. The capital will be used to acquire Cartiere Delsole, a paper mill with expected 1977 sales of 65,000m lire against 58,700m lire in 1976. Shareholders were told that Cartiere Burne sales should also clickly. Burgo sales, should rise slightly to 380,000 tonnes from 378,000

Daimler-Benz denial

tonnes last year.

A spokesman for Daimler-Benz AG of Stuttgart has said that the West German car builder does not have anything to add to an earlier statement that it will refrain from any financial participation in White Motor Corporation of United States. The spokesman said that this means that Daimler has no plans at present to attempt a takeover of the United States company, as suggested by an American report.

Sumitomo Electric

Recent Issues

Sumitomo Electric of Japan has increased its after-tax profit to 1,800m yeu (about £3.8m) for the first half ended September 30, from 1,000m yen in the same period last year, sales were 134,000m yen against 120,000m

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Although pre-tax profits of Amos Hinton leapt by 83 per cent to £1.01m in the six months to September 17, the board warms shareholders that margins are under pressure. The group has taken measures to maintain its market share but it is anticipated that these will raise costs in the short run. Turnover of the North of England-based food and drink retailer and distributor has in-creased from £26.3m to £32.2m. Earnings a share were 8.87p compared with 4.83p.

Included in the accounts is

an extraordinary item of £109,000 covering the cost of closing a trading unit and disposing of various non-trading decided to stop manufacturing. For the last full year to March 5, Amos Hinton reported a rise in pre-tax profits of almost 80 per cent to £1.26m. Sales rose by 27 per cent to £52.68m and the dividend rose from 3.35p to 3.91p gross.

News of the latest surge sent hares jumping 7p to 98p yester-

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CALEDONIA INVESTMENTS LIMITED

The Board has declared an interim ordinary dividend of 3.75p per Stock Unit in respect of the year ending 31st March, 1978 (1977-3.538p). The increase in the interim dividend utilises 0.212 pence out of a total increase permitted under present legislation for the current year of 0.8208 pence per Ordinary Stock

The dividend will be payable on 11th January, 1978, to Stockholders registered at the

A statement, with explanatory notes, is given below showing the estimated group profit for the six months to 30th September, 1977, with comparative figures for the corresponding period of the previous year and the actual figures for the year to 31st March, 1977. Present indications are that the profit of the Group attributable to Ordinary Stockholders, assuming no worsening of conditions in relation to trading subsidiaries, will show

an improvement of some 10 per cent. when compared with the previous year. UNAUDITED GROUP PROFIT STATEMENT FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1977

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	30th September		to 31st
	1977 £'000	1976 £'000	March, 197 £'000
GROUP TURNOVER	2,952 .	2,807	5,541
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Franked Income	1,239	1,182	2,438
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interest receivable	155	176	344
	959	321	624
Trading Profit	353 42	43	79
Less: Depreciation	42	43	<u> </u>
	311	278	545
	1,705	1,636	3,327
Interest payable	95	102	192
Head Office administration expenses	30	32	64
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	125	134	256
PROFIT BEFORE TAXATION	1,580 .	1,502	3,071
Taxation :			
Imputed tax credits	422	414	853
Other taxation	172	174	489
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	594	588	1,342
Profit after taxation	986	914	1,729
Minority Interests	46	37	79
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•	940	877	1.650
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Earnings per Stock Unit of 25p	5,19p	4.84p	9.08p
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Briefly

Int Paint 10 pc up as margins are squeezed

The stronger pound bit into trading profits to the tune of £820,000 at International Paint, the Courtaulds offshoot. Pre-tax profits still rose 10 per cent to £10.2m in the six months to September 30, on sales 12 per cent up at £111.8m. This points to a dip in margins from 9.3 per cent to 9.1 per cent.

The board says that while margins have continued under

pressure, the rate of raw material cost increases has slowed. The group, which makes marine, industrial and decorative paints and finishes, has strengthened its cash flow. BULMER & LUMB

Board expects group profits for the full year to be not less than £1.4m for whole of previous year, and that a maximum divi-dend will be recommended. CALEDONIA INV

Board states that attributable profit will show an improvement of about 10 per cert compared with the £1.65m for the previous

AG MORTGAGE ISSUE Agricultural Mortgage Corpora-tion has placed 13m variable rate bonds dated November 12, 1982 at £100 per cent.

ORIENT LEASING
Group is offering \$20m guaranteed notes due 1984 with coupon of 81 per cent is likely.

EDINBURGH & DUNDER

The board of Rdinburgh and Dundee Investment is considering the takeover bid by British Rati Pension Funds. Mr Hugh McMichael, Edinburgh's chairman, will write to shareholders in the next few days. Meanwhile, they are advised to do nothing.

HEWDEN-STUART

Board has bought from Receiver
of Amalgamated Quarties (Shet-land) its assets for about 5500,000

The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company. Limited Shareholders in "Shell" are invited to a film show and discussion on Tuesday, 29th November 1977 The Brighton Centre, Brighton Times: 3.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. Film 'Offshore', North Sea talk This is the first of a possible series

of informal shareholder meetings that may subsequently be extended scross the country.

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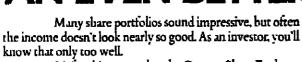
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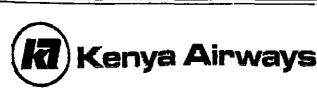
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nusbend of Rosemary, father of
John, Stephen and Angela,
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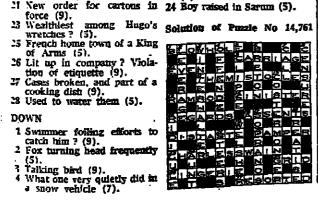
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Seven years ago Oman was a constry shrouded in a deceptive mystique whose estimated one million inhabitants were forbidden to study, play music, smoke, wear sunglasses or even move in and out of their walled capital of Muscar after dark.

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One of the oldest independent Arab states, Oman has a rich history and a present tradition which belies its recent isolation, poverty and backwardness. Its links with Britain stretch back to 1798, and even today its 20,000-strong army, navy and air force rely significantly on the 625 present and former mational airport, no seaport, lead to the main provider the main provider the main provider the main provider the first rime. The strong diplomatic presence will be committed the first rime. The strong diplomatic presence will be an accurate reflection of the first rime. The strong diplomatic presence will be an accurate reflection of the first rime. The strong diplomatic presence will be an accurate reflection of the first rime

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Today cars and taxis number 22,000, international airports have been built in the north and south of the country, two modern ports are in operation, sufficient hotel rooms exist for visiting businessmen and the number of children attending school this year will top 70,000.

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As a result, the Dhofar war found the country totally dependent on British military and civilian aid and Sufran Qaboos was hamistry after deposing his father in a palace coup, by the widespread suspicion of fellow-Arabs that he, too, was no more than a British stooge.

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> Kuwait, which remained sternly aloof from Oman un-til the Dhofar war was over, has provided civil aid in Dhofar and placed \$25m on deposit at the Oman central bank. Iraq, for long one of the PFLO's supporters, has exchanged ambassadors, and Shaikh Zeid. President of the Throughout the Dhofar paid a state visit to Oman war, Arab reluctance to be and contributed financial

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by Michael Prest

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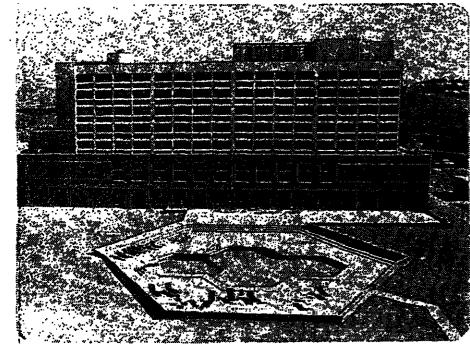
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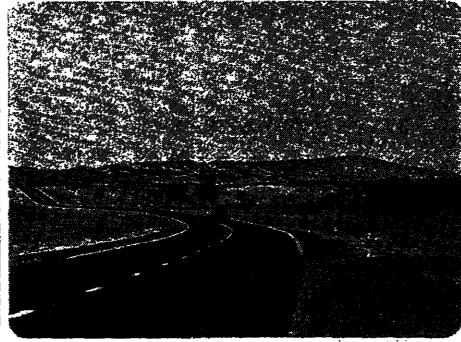
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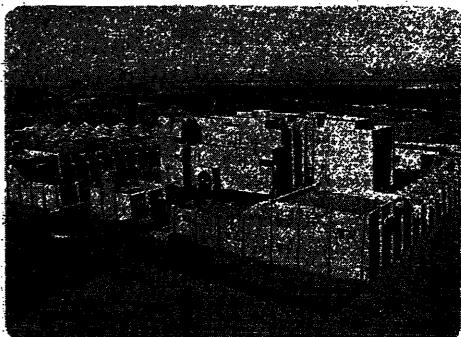
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The new fields in the bay is notoriously unsettled south were discovered in which will make life diffi- The author is Energy Corres the 1950s long before the cult for tankers of up to pondent, The Times.

War that ended with a whimper

by Henry Stanhope

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on the route for long war against rebels in both geography and tribal the southern province of loyalties. More than half the Dhofar, the Sultan's Armed 3,100-strong Firqut are fields.

Ocean coast A spate of loans from battle to secure the peace.

> nicularly \$113m for improv-ing basic surfaces in Dho-far, have increased speculafar, have increased specula-tion that agreement on the pipeline rouse is close. It is ing the way in which the SAF throughout the war suggested that Saudi Arabia British-led SAF squeezed ledge of the jebel, but land through Oman for the line, but Oman would retain there was no breath left. there was no breath left. final rights over the land there was no breath left. Both in the jebel and in and would be responsible One by one the remaining the open expanses of the leaders of the communist Oman

> Aquitaine group appears to have made a promising find close to the median line with Iranian waters. Golf coil has also taken a 40 per cent stake in an onshore block in the north-west held by Ouitage Personnel.

for security.

Although there is scarcely an external threat to the rule of Sultan Qaboos, there is always the underlying fear of internal disruption tion of Omen (PFLO) whose loyalty to the Sultan On the face of it, this is depends more on material not too difficult. The war benefits than any surge of

Exploration is also under inspired insurrection have from the more way. The best prospect so given themselves up, lured style civilization on the far is offishore in the Gulf by the promise of an have a dual purpose. One is Aquitaine group appears to

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bave at least exchanged one forward.

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The forces are trying to This adds up to about 700 hard to match in a country tant for the civil aid propers.

In the first place the press forward with this British nationals who under which is going through such gramme. The small coastal The author is Defence peace has to be maintained, double purpose, while at the present plans are due to be a dramatic modernization, navy consists largely of last Correspondent, The Times.

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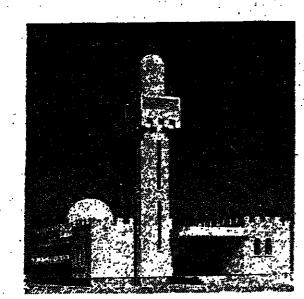
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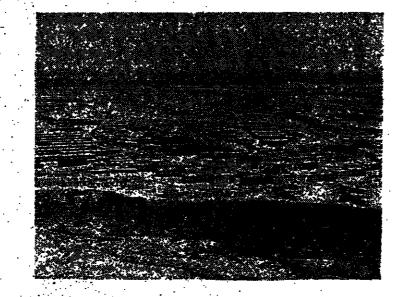
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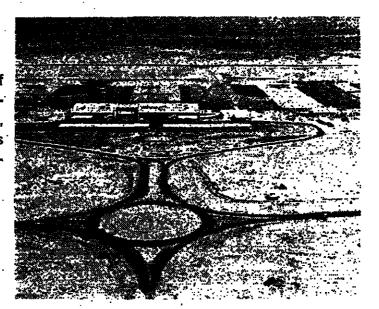
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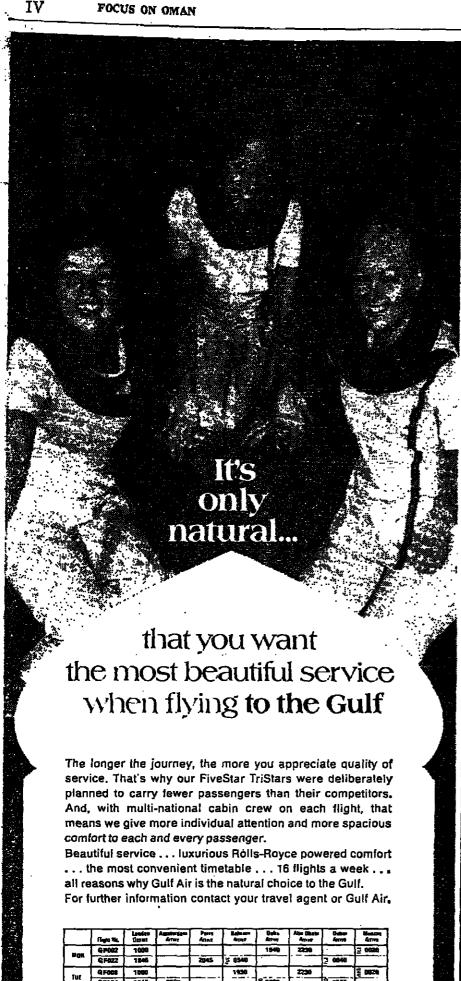
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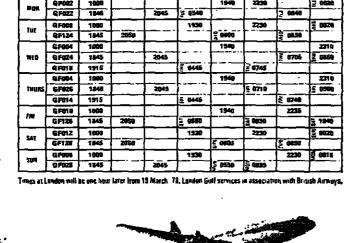
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Harvest great but labourers few

by Tim Owen

no means appreciated outside the sultanate. The drift spheres of development and in order of other problems.

In recent years from the land in the coast and the land in the coast where the great development schemes offer more lucrative forms of employment has been one of difficulty. As major considerable means of spraying it at centres, which the means of spraying it at centres, which the great can appreciated outside than in other of other problems.

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available on loan, and a

Musandam peninsula at the per and sardines were entrance to The Gulf along the southern shore of the Gulf along the southern shore of the Hadd, the southeastern ining and development of extremity of the Arabian peninsula, and thence along Government. A primary contribe shore of the Indian sideration has been the procean to the border with tection of the interests of the People's Democratic Republic of Yemen, it is not surprising that many Office the sea. As a result, in Omani baye derived their fivelihood surprising from the sea. As a result, in Indian sideration but to date nothing improves. Many living improves. Many living improves. Many living improves. Many the European living improves. Many the States and Prospection of the Saninah coast where the variety, unobtainable in the Baninah coast where the variety, unobtainable in the Baninah coast where the variety, unobtainable in the Saninah coast where the variety, u

grounds in the world, until now largely undeveloped, though fishing as a livelihood has always been an occupation of the peoples of

Along the densely populisheries off the coast of lated and fertile Barinah Oman, but they ke off an coast the villagers combine line, so that the local fish fishing with agriculture for ermen are not affected. The a living, and in the interior Japanese take 60 per cent of Oman the Jeneba, a Bedu of the catch, the remaining tribe, have traditionally 40 per cent going to the traded dried fish from the Government. shares of the Indian Ocean with dates from the area of Nizwa in central Oman, tra-velling hundreds of miles enced in disposing of the

with their laden camels. The Government of Oman. keenly aware that the keenly aware that the open up the potential mar-recent prosperity has rested ket in The Gulf, as well as almost entirely upon the exporting to oth finite commodity of oil, has and selling back to the been investing the revenues Japanese. on developing their natural In 197 resources, one of the most opened a new fishery com-important of which is fish plex at Mina Qaboos in

Not only is there an abungreat variety, including tract has been given to a tuna, shark and barracuda New Zealand company; in the deener waters. In Arabco Traders, to operate in the deeper waters. Inshore there are mackerel, the fisheries, develop the king fish and great shoals of sardines, which on the Batinah coast are netted by the local fishermen, piled to the concern. There are up at the head of the beach of Omani trawlers, no doubt a spin-off of the correct difto dry tilizer. dry and then used as fer-

In Dhofar, in the south, the dried sardines are used as cattle fodder during the the capacity of Omaca's fire humid monsoon season, ing industry. To this end when alfalfa will not grow, there is a five-year plan for Around the rocky shores of fisheries, which includes a Masirah island in the south loan fund to enable fisher-

even planning had been been sent to the United made in the development of fisheries, but after the recently it was decided to accession of Sulran Qaboos send Omanis for a two-year in that year a fisheries course at the Sub-Regional department was set up Fisheries Centre in Kuwait within the Ministry of De-Onshore, as well as the velopment and the first big existing facilities at Matrah, project was Jaunched in it is planned to make Sur 1972. That was a \$2m con- and Sohar leading fishing tract to an American core course. tract to an American cor- centres. Salalah is to have a poration, based in Califor sardine canoning factory in nia, Mardela International, addition to its cold store which was later joined by and ice plant, and cold FMC International and Del stores are to be built in Monte International, also Masirah, research, with the aim of Buraimi. setting up a fishing industry Fresh fish is on sale in Onnan.

Darbat, was bought from Peru. This vessel was useful short step in time from the for collecting information on camel trains plotding their the deep sea fisheries and waters, as well as providing training for Omani fishermen in modern trawling. The first stage of the

the Sailor, in the Gulf of Ras al Hadd, principally Oman in Kuria Muria Bay and the With a coastline 1,000 Gulf of Masiral, where is by sinking wells to the miles in length stretching great catches of mackerel, water table, and pumping from the northern tip of the tuna, grouper, bream, snap-water out with the use of diesel-operated pumps.

Fishery and Nissho-Iwai.

The concession covers the deen-water area between Kuria Muria islands. It in-cludes some of the richest uninhabited

Earlier this year some difficulty was being experi-Government stocks from their cold stores in Maurah. Attempts are being made to

In 1976 the Government Matrah with a large told store, freezer, trawlers and dance of fish, but also a transport. A poe-year cona spin-off of the current dif-ficulties which beset the British fishing fleets.

It is the long-term aim o the Government to build up are found magnificent lobs-men to buy modern ters. Ment. As well as Until 1970 no progress or trained locally, Omanis hav Musandam and American, in undertaking Kuria Muria as well as in onshore and offshore the interior at Nizwa and

Nizwa and other towns in The next year a modern the interior, conveyed in fisheries research vessel, the refrigerated vans—a large. step in development, but way over nundreds of miles of desert from Masurah to Nizwa with their loads of dried fish.

of these are human. A flood and Oman is no exception and the use of pesticides. To Ever mindful of the know are of Oman and Saudi Arabia of figures, statistics and per in this respect. The size of this end there are four ledge that the supplies of his by which Saudi Arabia centages not only tends to the average holding is two research stations on the coast oil upon which the economy will contribute \$100m of centages not only tends to the average nothing is two research stations on the coast oil upon which the economy will contribute \$100m of baffle the reader, but to hectares, really too small a and in the interior, where of Oman so heavily depends the estimated \$120m to cloud the issues. Develop unit to be farmed profit experiments are carried out of Oman is engaged in ments in agriculture are ably with modern methods, with various crops, seed has long-term plans to smelting project at Sohar. It is estimated that the position of Oman appreciated out other natural it is estimated that the plant the first of its kind in

ployment has been one of difficulty. As major conthe major troubles of those structional projects are comresponsible for the developpleted so will the demand highly subsidized rates ment of agriculture. Until for labour in the towns derecent years the greatest crease. Unfortunately there
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Oman and the dilemmas that

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most intractable, and most the farmer the world over,

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happened with a disease
called mataq which attacks the practical benefits that
the date paken, but can be can be achieved by so doing.

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ern methods of agriculture the latest methods.

age of labour in the country, return to the land has little the financial means. available on loan, and advice and Omanis abroad are being appeal for them. Induceurged to return.

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The main limitation on agriculture in Oman is Oman in recent years of the main limitation. The rainfall British, French and Dutch throughout the sultanate is consultants and the received by so doing.

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Good prospects for mining

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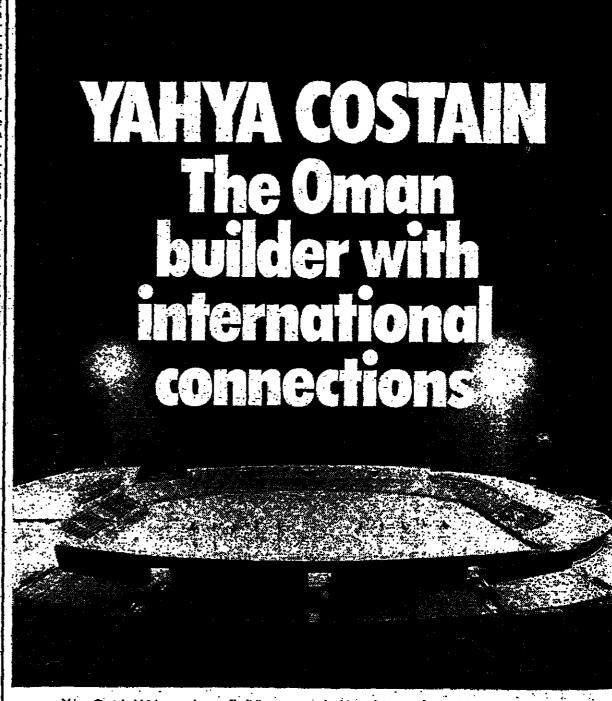
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Oman's ved that enough copper, its initial capacity of above extraction to be worth while progressively to meet the The extraction of copper entire domestic requirement

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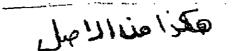
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IRRIGATION, EDUCATION AND ARCHITECTURE

Blessed by beneficent rainfall

by Norma Ashworth

All of the newly rich Arab oil states have found difficul-ties with their water supplies. Sudden development has brought indiscriminate use and it has been found that costly desalination plants cannot completely meet the long-term demands of self-sufficiency.

Off self-sufficiency.

Oman acted early by appointing engineering specialists, hydrologists, hydrographers and academics to work on mapping programmes and feasibility studies. By early 1973, there were three large engineering companies (British, French and Italian) surveying water resources. surveying water resources.

The Durham University plantation. Research Project had a team of four graduates at Ibri, which studied water supplies in relation to conservation and agriculture. Two more engineering consult-ancy firms later joined the ancy firms later joined the supplies had many causes; government survey and the the razing of forests in order FAO, and the United Nations to clear land for agriculture Development Programme and to use the wood for prepared a joint renort, industrial fire pits and kilus: linked with the previous the choking of reservoirs and

secretariat in Muscat was wells. able to prepare a comprehen- Now sive report. Oman was thus able to send a delegation from the Ministry of Agri-culture. Fisheries, Petroleum Nations Water Conference held in Argentina last March and to present a paper which attracted considerable inter-

The rain falls during Deca tropical drenching mist

By the beginning of 1977, ground; the tribal warfare and destruction of aflaj and

ment representatives and water.
interested citizens and ex- The oil camp at Fahud

able hazard as well as a boon to vegetation.

Generally, the rainfall is formation from remote sites higher in the mountains, particularly in the Jabal better water management; are still to be surmounted, the basic source of water for the valleys and the northern coastal area.

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needs in a typical coastal nificant one for the education" of schooling so that village. The wind regime tional programme. It repre- Oman will obtain an inter-

wells.

Now that considerable offer which the project's historical information has field director, Dr Roderick been amassed and the resources council is ready experiments. It may be posto draw up a national water sible to have a solar heating plan. A meeting beld on tank and a scheme for puri-October 26 invited govern- fication to provide drinking

patriates to form an advisory carries out rudimentary committee. purification through reverse ember to March in most The following suggestions osmosis, and elsewhere systems, except in Dhofar, are under consideration: tems of filtration to reduce which gets summer rain and construction of recharge salinity are being tested. On a tropical drenching mist dams on wadis in the coastal the coast, west of Muscat, beneficial to agriculture plain to prevent surface run- the Government's desalina-There are also occasional off into the sea; reuse of tion plant has experienced There are also occasional off into the sea; reuse of tion plant has experienced summer rains in the interior, treated waste water for irrisome difficulties since openwhere flash flooding in the gation; use of solar energy ing in 1976 but it is expecwadis can be un unpredict and sea water to grow high ted that the present capacity able hazard as well as a boon value crops; use of satellites of four million gallons a day

Where the groundwater amount of water needed for and possession of the mon-resources discharge natur- crop support; and develop- soon climate in richly-fertile teachers has risen from 30 the special problem of ally as springs and base ment of better maintenance Dhofar.

Wars of the Roses give way to Islam

on to secondary education. example, whereby Omani and those who show aptiThe emphasis is now on pupils have had to study tude can qualify for a furthe building of secondary the history of the kings and schools rather than on pri-queens of England to mary schools, where the achieve recognized examinorgramme has reached its nation qualifications.

target.

Progress has obviously of its own, and in future school is to be opened at the supervision of the interior than on the coast owing Sultanate. Local committees take a total of 288 students the villages. However, it is ment and for the supervision of Omani children are teachers. Oman's new curricula, and training of the supervision of ment of cent of Omani children are teachers. Oman's new curricula, and training of education. The numbers best features of the old and going on to secondary education will increase markedly in the coming years.

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Education is that all Omani ruptive consequences of the present 509 students received the should have at war which ended in 1975, ing education at universities least nine years education, At the end of the war in and institutes abroad, six years primary, three November, 1975, there was mostly in Egypt, Jordan, years preparatory and three only one school in the Britain and the United, years of secondary educawhole of the province at States, studying engineering, tion.

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village. The wind regime is thought to be favourable for testing conditions of the windmill.

An Oman business concern. Darwish-Ast, has offered to construct the windmill free of charge, an offer which the project's field director, Dr Roderick Durzen feels confident will.

The emphasis is now on pupils have had to study of the project on the story of the study of the pupils have had to study pupils and those who show april to the project's the pupils have had to study pupils and the pupils programme. It represents the sens a change of emphasis and of examination qualification are determined in the project's constitution and internationally recognized standard of examination qualification.

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materials. There was, in fact, buildings and even the an orderliness behind the mosques had in past years an orderliness behind the mosques had in past years scenes. Regulations for land a simplicity uncommon in use and the scale of build other Musim countries. This ings were strict; penaky and only the sturdiest of dates or dubious quality ancient buildings have withwere punitive.

The planning of those first tribal warfare and the communication of communications. The planning of those first tribal warfare and the years is now more apparent natural decline of communiwith the completion of new ties through times of trade roads, drainage systems and stagnation. The sixteenthroads, drainage systems and stagnation. The sixteenth-controlled boundaries. What century fortresses remain seemed haphazard has be the most dramatic examples come a pattern (as in the of early Omani architectura much - criticized Ruwi and only at Sohar and Valley), not universally Hamra are there genuinely praised but acknowledged to old houses in a good state have been developed with of repair.

For the rest the most dramatic examples cool verandas and ingenious air venting.

Economy is the reason that the first houses for Europeans, built as a residential camp when oil exploration

For the rest, the most stringencies beautiful residences of Economic stringencies beautiful residences of to the landscape. The high have now overtaken extrava-earlier times are rarely older costs involved in importing gance and the progress of than 180 years. Since 1970, all of the materials when the building has slowed to what great efforts have been made camp was established in 1964 would nevertheless be re-to protect Oman's architectural barriers and a certain uniformity. garded as a fairly spirited tural heritage and restoragallop in a European tion programmes are assured with Oman's modern residencountry. of generous revenues from tial showpiece, Medinat

creasingly over the previous its handsome wooden doors, invitations for tenders. The iron-studded and lavishly T.O. letts of builders at present metrically graduated archimetrically graduated arc

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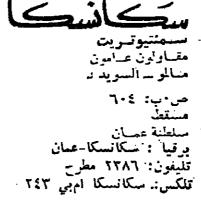
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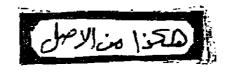
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HEALTH AND CONSTRUCTION

Accent is on preventing the old scourges

by Tim Owen

sultanate of Oman in 1977 influenza t is difficult to appreciate there was only one hospital in the whole country, and that was the American Mission Hospital in Muttrah developments of the health Now there are hospitals in and education services. Both all large centres of popula-

Before the development of the health services the main tery, and trachoma, the eye disease, spread by fly-infec-ted dust, which leads to blindness if not treated in

tragedy of blindness rate of bables was very high When touring through the and epidemics of measles and through whole areas, particu-larly among the Bedu tribes, killing off hundreds, already weakened by maloutrition.

> and education services. Both have staffing difficulties and and a switch of emphasis. Initially under the driving force of Dr Asam al-Jamali,

> Health has put through an

throughout the country.

construction programme is almost completed tamination of such water and now the emphasis has the dangers to health that been shifted to preventive go with it have to be exmedicine and health guid.

ance. An immunization programme has been launched and is gaining momentum. This execution where the government of the control of the control of the linealth programme construction got well ahead of staffing which the result that in one case a hospital was computed in all respects near the control, clinics have been set up in the without the control of the control of the linealth programme construction got well ahead of staffing which the result that in the control of the linealth programme construction got well ahead of staffing which the result that in the control of the linealth programme construction got well ahead of staffing which the result that in the control of the linealth programme construction got well ahead of staffing which the result that in the control of the linealth programme construction got well ahead of staffing which the result that in the control of the linealth programme construction got well ahead of staffing was taking the control of the c gation water produces ideal

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tamination of such water and years to come.

rum. This especially applies Asam al Jamin, and he was in the Trucial States as he conditions for the anotheles

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clinics trachoma. Outside the towns Training is long and so and health assistants also most drinking water is Oman will have to rely on come from the Indian sub-a pro-obtained from wells and con-expansiate doctors for many continent, and will continue

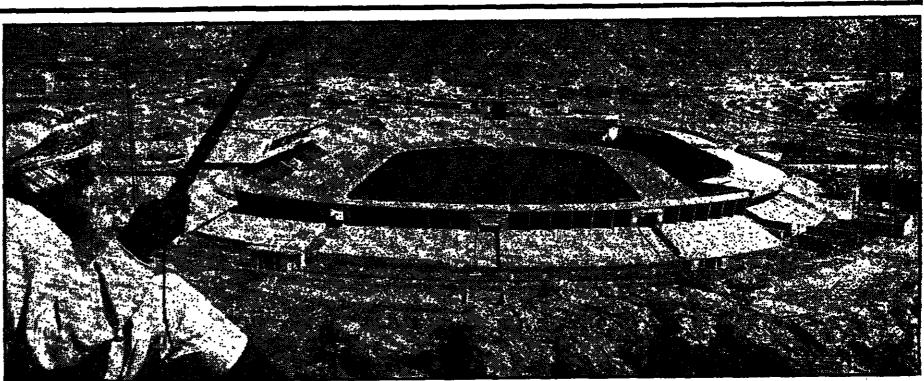
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Swedish Much is being done in the schools to educate the younger generation in hygiene and health care. As housing the staff to deal with surging conditions improve together with sewage disposal, water

These difficulties have supplies.

Muscat but had to remain and a flying doctor service

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police sports stadium, near Watayah, which can accommodate 20,000 people. Construction: Yahya Costain.

Room to build at the top in wake of boom

by John Whelan

Even in the expanding area of Marrah, Oman appears to have eschewed The Gulf maxim that in construction work cheapest and quickest

tion sector corroborates this The consultants' view. In March 1976 credit that coupled with

The boom years have apparently gone, though Mr McCoach and other observers of the Omani economy see room for development at the top end of the market. His analysis of falling tender prices was based on an index for a typical shops, offices and flats develop-

for property development. That is something which the formation of the Oman Housing Bank—in effect a recapi-talization of the former Oman General Housing Development Authority which was established by the Government and the British Bank of the Middle East in 1974-is intended to remedy. The Housing Bank's aim is The Housing Bank's and to tor to build a center to bolster investment in housing for Omani nationals overall it is the aim of the but it will also undertake five-year plan to reduce the share of construction and

also come from the opening of the Development Bank of

operating. The United King- economy into minerals dom's share of the market food production.

for facilities in this sector is the most significant, with the big names like Costain and Taylor Woodrow work-ing in association with local

In the private sector

businessmen such as the managing director of W. J. Towell and Company, Mr According to an assess Ali Sustan, say une ment by a British firm of is over, particularly in conquantity surveyors, D. J. struction. W. J. Towell was Jones McCoach and Part tounded more than a hundred more Jones McCoach and Partners, the reduced workload
brought about by the
tightening of credit has resulted in tenders approximately 15 per cent lower United Kingdom. Mr Sukian
than last year. Mr George
McCoach says: "If you of more infrastructure
assume inflation at 15 per
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founded more than a lumdred years ago and its associates include, Taylor Woodrow
McCoach says: "If you of more infrastructure
development in the interior
but the boom conditions are
reality they are 30 per cent
Taylor Woodrow Towell has The general direction of recently had to lay off

view. In March 1976 credit that coupled with the in this sector, at 18.7m rials, was 12.3 per cent of total bank credit. By June of this commented: "The Governgear bank credit in the ment is becoming much construction sector had falmore conscious of the way len to 18.4m rials and then it spends its money and accounted for only 8.2 per much more interested in getter to fall credit.

The boom years have that coupled with the reduced budget is a new selectiveness. One of them commented: "The Government of the way len to 18.4m rials and then it spends its money and accounted for only 8.2 per much more interested in getting value for money."

This choosiness has been expressed in a Governa decision to put designs for new buildings out for competition by consultants not only to find the most suit able design but also taking the fees into consideration Contracts between a consultant and a ministry now have to be approved both by the Oman may well have ministry concerned and sep-reached a stage where there arately by the Ministry of is too little money available pinance.

Civil contractors working in Oman also have to come to terms with the stated aim of the five-year plan to reduce the quantity of impor-ted construction materials by expanding import substitution industries such as cement. To this end the Goverument has gone into a joint venture with the private sec-

building in gross domestic An injection of capital into product from 58m rials in the property market could 1976 to 49m rials in 1980. Most building contractors -and there were 795 regi Oman in the new year which stered contracting firms at Oman in the new year which stered contracting firms at will be lending at commerties and of 1976—believed the lending at commerties more development of ancillary structure which could take place, particularly in the south, Much will work is also apparent in the public sector where the big creased oil revenue and joint-venture companies are diversification of the operating. The United King-economy into minerals and

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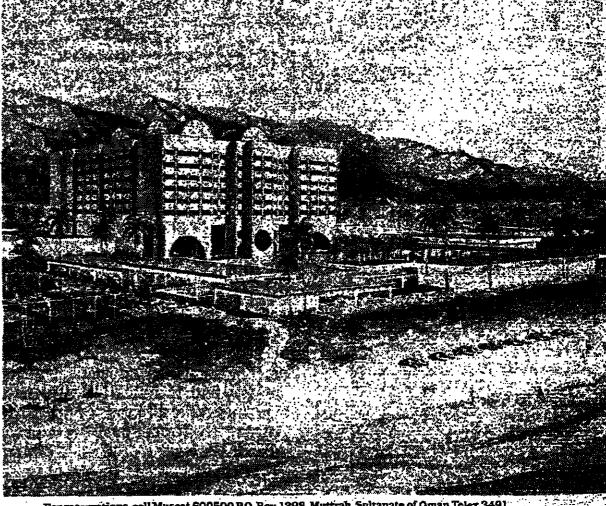
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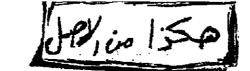
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DHOFAR AND MUSCAT

Cubans are given their marching orders

by Christopher Walker

Three years ago, the remore Dhofar' village of Rakhyur the Covernment recognized as the temporary headquarters of the County that our extending who make up the revolutionary Popular Front for the Liberation of Coman. Today the area is the same of the Sultan's army; and the lands of the Sultan's army; are up to
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"There was a little of Jeru in the handle of his dagger salem to its mystique, a lit. were reduced to coal by the tle of Charleston, just a

touch of the back streets of Daytime temperatures Oxford, a trace of one of 120s and because the city is

those little fishing ports on set in a semi-circular bowl the Gulf of Venice—and the formed by the rocky hills.

whole welded and illust the stone acts like fire-brick mined by an overpowering and the beat is retransmitted sense of the old Arabia, ness. Although British diplomations and hidden, in practice of their early predecessors, who used to sleep

sense of the old Arabia, compounded of ships, lattice windows and hidden, influential ladies."

That was know the walled Omani capital of Muscar first struck James Morris, a distinguished former Middle East Correspondent of The East Correspondent of The East Correspondent of The Sultanate has undergone a remarkable social—and economic upheaval which has amounted to its transformation from a medieval to modern state, yet thanks fully many of the city's picturesque characteristics have survived the inevitable three miles along the coast.

have survived the inevitable bulldozers. One reason has

been a deliberate policy in recent years to redirect all

sprawling and undist-inguished new rown of

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travellers have com-

A touch of The Turl and

influential ladies

A sector of Muscat, dominated as in all Arab cities

to warn residents that the south lies Fort Jelali, which iron-clad games of the city in the days of the previous

has been created by the long-running custom of visiting foreign naval ves-sels to inscribe their names

in giant letters on the sheer rock walls which protect

the anchorage. Legend and the previous Sultan, Said bin Taimur, both had it that Nelson was one of the first

sailors to take part in one of the hazardous painting parties when he was still a

Today, names like HMS
Crocus and HMS Falmouth
are still clearly visible on
the rockface, although other

contributions to this evocative form of naval graffit bave been obliterated by

tanate's recent emergence

diminish the practice, no doubt to the chagrin of the ratings who still have to wield the brushes and

Apart from the Sultan's new palace, complete with

gushing fountains and labor-iously cultivated rose

can with direct access to the

seafront. Heavy with the atmosphere of Graham Greene, the courtyard was the scene in 1965 of the last

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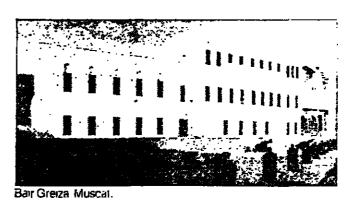
siderable cash inducements. garded as crucial by their British military comman-ders. As well as being paid thousands of pounds for in-formation leading to the dis-

imaginative development programme and intensive training in counter-terroris tachniques by members of the Special Air Service Regiment. Their chances of success and those of the whole region should be considerably assisted by nonth's announcem a \$300m oil drilling pro-gramme in Dhofar will be-

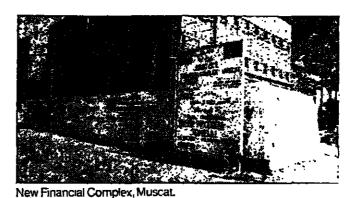
ber of Firques is small, their role in preventing re-vival of PFLO activity is rea healthy monthly wage of £150, they are also provided with Belgian FN rifles and paid individual sums which have occasionally run into

The purchase of loyalty The purchase of loyalty has a long tradition in the Dhofar region, historically renowned for its vicious blood feuds and bloody inter-tribal disputes for control of the now defunct frankincense trade. Under the Sultan's guidance, the traditioual methods are being accompanied by an imaginative development

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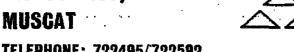
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Religion: cultural diversity in varied landscape

In the absence of any reliable census, the popular durant with estimates extending from ing and fish the inhabitants who tend to be Sunni or 750,000 to 1,500,000. Whatever the exact figure, the inhabitants display a great ethnic and cultural diversity determined above all by the country's varied geography.

The largest category, probably accounting for almost working the thirds of the population, are urban dwelling, concept with the figure of the has been diluted by the rapid of the sum of the country and the prized Omani like the coastal inhabitants sheep and the prized Omani like the coastal inhabitants sheep and the prized Omani like the coastal inhabitants of the sum or angels.

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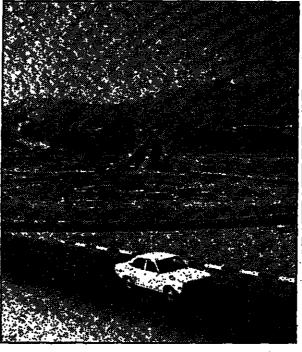
recently appointed United Kingdom con-

Benefits follow roads

A road map of Oman at the end of 1970 would have pre-sented a clear picture of the sented a clear picture of the plight of the country, dislocated and isolated as it was from its neighbours with a pitiful eight miles of Tarmac road and few unsealed tracks.

It is not surprising that Sultan Qaboos made road building and transport schemes a priority during the first years of his reign and earliest developments started in 1971 simultaneously with improvements to air and sea links, and included an asphalt surfaced. included an asphalt surfaced road which ran 145 miles between Matrah and Sohar. This major construction immediately brought the small villages of the Batina coast in fairly close contact with the larger towns, and particularly with the new harbour at Port Qaboos.

Perhaps even more vital to the unification of the country was an asphalt highway running 86 miles from Sib, 20 miles north-west of Muscat where the country's first international airport was built, to Nizwa in the Hajar mountains of the northern interior. It was twice extended, linking the towns of Ibri and Dank with the Buraimi Oasis on the UAE



been important to the country's unification.

graded roads were opened in 1976, but even so the rate of growth has barely kept pace with the demand for mororized transport. There were about 840 road vehicles registered in Oman at the end of 1970, but by 1976 the number had risen to 30,000. A total of 5,673 cars and 7,205 trucks and buses were end of 1970, but by 1976 the number had risen to 30,000. 1971 and 1975 reaching well A total of 5,673 cars and over 100m rials (\$308,7m), 7,205 trucks and buses were imported last year alone, and the Ministry of Computer resulting pressure on the Government.

who have recently submitted an interim report on the feasibility study for the pro-ject estimate that the ner work will cost more than \$74m, and work will include the building of 16 admini-strative and social centres.

7.205 trucks and buses were imported last year alone, and the ministry of Committee the resulting pressure on the cent of the 1976-77 expenditure budget, transportments and extensions to the existing network is unlikely probably had the greatest to diminish over the next economic and social impactive years.

As recently as last June, Oman's renaissance.

to 1980, and to carry out

buraimi Oasis on the UAE
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The demand for water is greater from agriculture

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It is not known what

generation of enough electricity to meet peak demands is a problem which Oman planners and policy-makers have to face, as do those of other Gulf states. The generation of electricity is often linked to the desalination of water in those countries because of the speed in which such technology can be established and Oman has not as yet heer an event.



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The interior is mainly in. The climate is equally habited by Beduin and in varied. In Muscat, average cludes large areas of shifting maximum temperatures in sand in the south-east, tracts summer reach 41°C with 44 of gravel plain and the relaper cent humidity; the high-tively fertile Dhofar plain, est daily average temperatures which edges into a mountaine in August in Salalah which edges into a moun tures in August in Salalah tainous zone at the South are only 30°C b with Yemen border. In addition slightly higher levels of to Masira island off the humidity Rain, which usually

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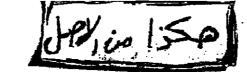
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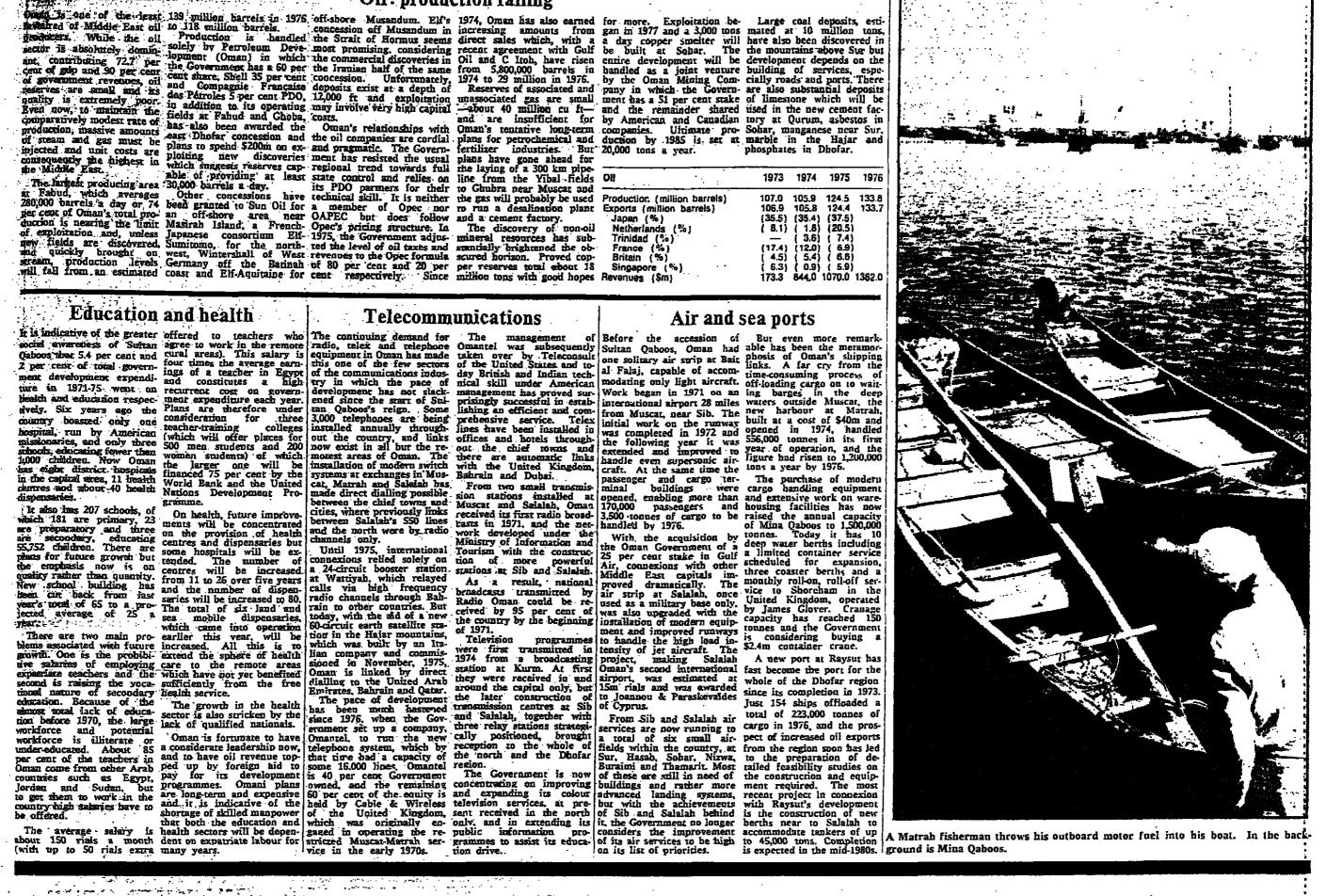
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lence for the presentation of The trip has met with trophies and certificates in some difficulties, including a new scheme based on the a broken mast after leaving Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gibraltar and necessitating in Britain. As with every an unscheduled call at thing else in the clubs, the an unscheduled call at thing eise in the cases, the Palma for repairs. There opportunity to compete on have been port delays at an equal footing is offered Malta and on the East Afri- to both boys and girls.

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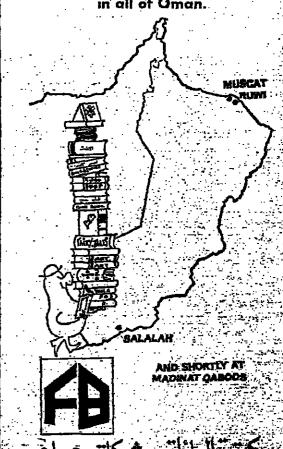


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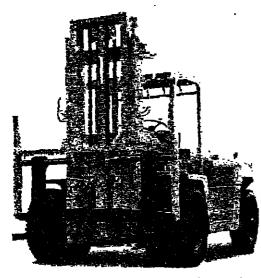
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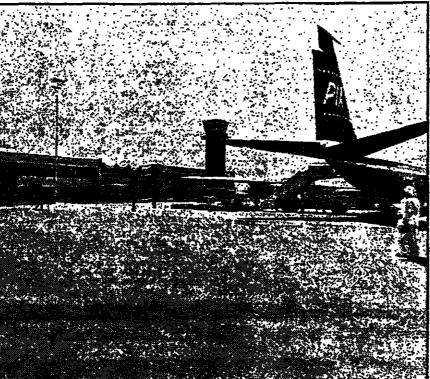
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Part of the explanation lies in the fact that Omantel is not a private company and is therefore working within the strict confines of a budger and in particular the strictures on spending laid down by the five-year plan.

According to government statistics there were 6,649 telephone lines at the end of 1976. By the beginning of 1976. By the beginning of 1976 in month the number had risen to 15,960 which is close to the 16,000 ceiling to be installed under present contracts. Most of the contracting work so far has been done by L. M, Ericson, of Sweden, which is among the parties interested in a 7,000 line extension of the network in the capital and Salalah. Omannel is now evaluating bids for the contract and expects this to get going in the new year.

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Etiquette essential for success

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by Norma Ashworth

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